

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF THE
POOR, TOWN CLERK, TREASURER, AUDI-
TORS, ROAD COMMISSIONERS, AND
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF EASTON

FOR THE

Year ending Dec. 31, 1886.

BOSTON:

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REPORT

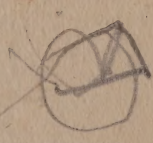
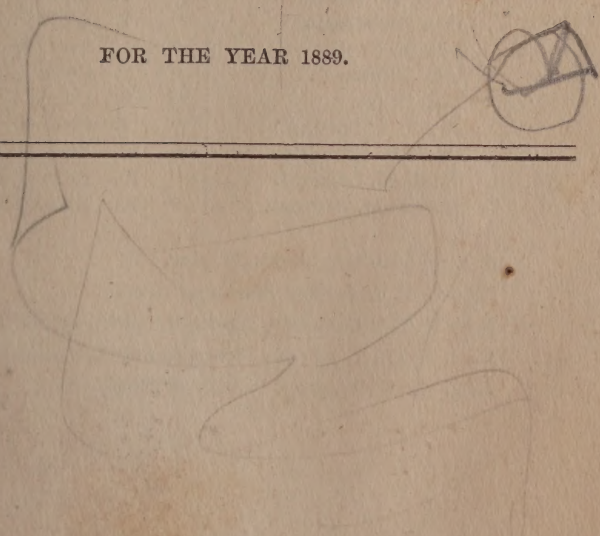
OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF EASTON

FOR THE YEAR 1889.



SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

L. S. DRAKE.

E. B. HAYWARD.

WILLIAM L. CHAFFIN.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

WILLIAM C. BATES.

Teachers employed during the year : —

High.	M. C. Lamprey.	No.	7.	Louisa C. Young.	
"	Alice M. Merrill.	"	7.	Mary E. Patterson.	
"	Jennie Barbour.	"	7.	Georgia Kimball.	
No.	1.	Janet Young.	"	7.	Helen L. Drake.
"	1.	Francis Abele, Jr.	"	7.	Mary J. Reynolds.
"	1.	Mary A. Birnie.	"	7.	Lizzie E. Morse.
"	2.	Mary E. Richards.	"	7.	Grace E. Ripley.
"	2.	Mary F. McGlashan.	"	7.	Julia A. Reardon.
"	2.	Pearl E. Kilburn.	"	7.	Jessie Porter.
"	3.	Lottie M. Heath.	"	7.	Frances Higginbottom.
"	3.	Etta Dickerman.	"	7.	Josie F. Barton.
Union.	John F. Scully.	"	7.	Nella Fobes.	
"	J. Q. Litchfield.	"	7.	Clara L. King.	
"	Clara Hunt.	"	8.	Emma E. Fecto.	
"	Myrtie A. Leonard.	"	9.	Sadie L. Waldron.	
"	Lizzie S. Cavanagh.	"	10.	Mary A. Stone.	
No.	6.	Carrie M. Leonard.	"	10.	Ruth E. Gould.
"	7.	Harriet M. Stevens.	"	10.	Blanche A. Morrill.

J. E. Shepardson, *Music Teacher.*

Mrs. E. F. Andrews, *Teacher of Sewing.*

Mrs. M. Eva Clements, *Assistant Teacher of Sewing.*

F. G. Keith, *Teacher in Workshop and Mechanical Drawing.*

Nettie L. Withington, *Teacher of Kindergarten.*

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1886.

TOWN CLERK, TREASURER, AND COLLECTOR.

GEO. G. WITHINGTON.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

HIRAM WILLIAMS.

GEO. COPELAND.

HENRY W. HEATH.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

LINCOLN S. DRAKE Term expires 1887.

WILLIAM L. CHAFFIN " " 1888.

E. B. HAYWARD " " 1889.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

JOHN O. DEAN.

THOMAS B. KEITH.

GEO. J. ROLLINS.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

DANIEL M. DAILEY.

CONSTABLES.

SAMUEL M. RENNIE.

THOMAS B. KEITH.

FENCE VIEWERS.

JASON TINKHAM.

EDWARD D. WILLIAMS.

EDWARD R. HAYWARD.

MEASURERS OF WOOD.

W. K. GOWARD.

DANIEL M. DAILEY.

JOEL S. DRAKE. LABAN W. DRAKE.

AUDITORS.

GEO. W. KENNEDY.

EDWARD N. MORSE.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

THE Selectmen of the town of Easton submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1886:—

VALUATION AS ASSESSED MAY 1, 1886.

Value of real estate,	\$1,251,561 00
“ “ personal property,	2,273,313 00
Total,	\$3,524,874 00

Increase of real estate,	\$40,643 00
“ “ personal property,	76,790 00

Total increase,	\$117,433 00
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Rate of taxation, \$7.40 on \$1,000.

Number of polls, 1,044.

Poll tax, \$2.

Total tax for State, county, and town purposes,	\$28,172 79
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Number of dwelling-houses taxed, 767.

“ acres land taxed, 15,624.

“ horses taxed, 478.

“ cows taxed, 452.

Total number of tax-payers, 1,215.

Number of persons paying a tax on property, 723.

“ “ “ “ “ poll tax only, 492.

APPROPRIATIONS ASSESSED FOR THE YEAR 1886.

For schools,	\$8,931 34
school books and supplies,	1,000 00
schoolhouse repairs,	2,000 00
widening Depot Street,	1,300 00
road tools,	400 00
shade trees,	519 50
car fare for scholars,	200 00
Town Hall,	5,000 00
discount on taxes,	1,000 00
	\$20,350 84

APPROPRIATIONS NOT ASSESSED

For support of poor	\$6,000 00
roads,	3,000 00
incidental expenses,	2,000 00
clearing roads of snow,	500 00
Decoration day,	150 00
Washington Street,	200 00
	\$11,850 00

State tax,	\$3,300 00
County tax,	4,139 05
Town,	20,350 84
Overlay,	382 90
	\$28,172 79

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

ACCOUNT OF STOCK, ETC., AT ALMSHOUSE, DEC. 31, 1886.

16 tons English hay,	\$320 00
3 tons meadow hay,	30 00
500 pounds straw,	5 00
1 horse,	150 00
2 oxen,	175 00
11 cows,	495 00
1 bull, \$30 ; 1 yearling, \$15,	45 00
5 swine,	50 00
75 fowls,	37 50
100 bushels potatoes,	80 00
5 " small potatoes,	1 25
2 " beans,	3 50
3 " French turnips,	1 50
15 " carrots,	5 00
35 " beets,	17 50
15 " mangel-wurtzels,	7 50
5 " onions,	5 00
2 " rye,	1 30
15 " corn,	9 00
3 " meal,	1 65
1½ " oats,	68
7 lbs. butter,	2 10
2 " coffee,	60
100 " pork,	7 50
50 " ham,	5 00
10 " fish,	50
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$1,457 08

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,457 08
1 lb. spice,	30
4 " tea,	2 40
5 " rice,	35
30 " sugar,	2 00
15 " lard,	1 50
1,120 gals. vinegar,	224 00
40 " cider,	4 80
1½ bbls. apples,	3 00
2½ gals. molasses,	1 25
1 box soap,	3 50
2 lbs. raisins,	24
1½ bbls. flour,	10 00
1½ " crackers,	90
1½ tons coal,	9 75
20 " ice,	30 00
1 bushel cranberries,	2 00
	\$1,753 07
EXPENDITURES OF ALMSHOUSE.	
Groceries,	\$117 28
Flour,	100 75
Grain,	433 50
Meat,	202 49
Fish,	19 44
Other provisions,	33 54
Clothing and bedding,	81 85
Boots and shoes,	30 47
Household utensils,	34 56
Stationery,	64
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$1,054 52

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,054 52
Labor,	548 46
Blacksmithing,	47 17
Farming tools,	23 67
Stock,	144 50
Coal,	20 33
Seed,	20 25
Repairs,	53 95
Medicine,	3 43
Soap,	17 94
Fertilizers,	21 85
Hay,	8 99
Wood,	14 68
Rendrock and fuse,	12 74
Painting almshouse,	88 46
Sundries,	3 09
Warden's salary,	437 50
Valuation, Dec. 31, 1885,	1,885 19
	\$4,406 72

RECEIPTS OF ALMSHOUSE.

Butter,	\$101 01
Milk,	599 60
Eggs,	51 86
Vegetables,	31 53
Hay and straw,	16 32
Board of sundry persons,	15 50
Wood,	258 79
Calves,	78 98
Pork,	5 86
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$1,159 45

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$1,159 45
Cider and vinegar,		25 37
Pasturing,		12 00
Labor,		67 83
Stock,		18 00
Fowls,		5 16
Grain,		20 82
Lumber,		17 00
Sundries,		7 97
Stock, etc., Dec. 31, 1886,		1,753 07
		\$3,086 67
Expenditures,	\$4,406 72	
Receipts,	3,086 67	
Balance against the almshouse,		\$1,320 05

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Name.	Age.	Weeks in Almshouse.
Timothy Creedon,	—	52
Matthew Welch,	—	52
C. F. Williams,	54	52
Chas. M. Randall,	54	52
John E. Jackson,	19	28
Clarence E. Dickerman,	12	50
William H. French,	10	51
Elsie French,	36	52
Sarah E. Leonard,	32	52
Alfred O. Leonard,	2	52
Etta M. Leonard,	1	52
Mary Harrington,	44	8
Nellie Riordan and child,	16	1

Name.	Age.	Weeks in Almshouse.
James Darrah,	21	5
Barney McCourt,	9	11
Ada M. Randall,	34	9
Whole number,		16
Males,		10
Females,		6
Average number for year,		11 $\frac{5}{52}$
Discharged,		3
Now in almshouse,		13
Average cost per week, above income of farm,	\$2	29
Number of tramps,		141
Estimated cost of tramps,		\$28 20

EXPENSES OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital, —

For John W. Marshall,	\$183 96	
“ Matthew Campion,	189 31	
“ John P. O’Connell,	189 67	
“ Albert W. Phillips,	183 68	
“ Daniel B. Blaisdell,	160 79	
“ Julia Desmond,	43 93	
		\$951 34

Paid Northampton Lunatic Hospital, —

For Ada M. Randall,		146 70
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For Michael Coughlin and family,

Paid Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	\$189 76	
“ City of Boston,	57 85	
		247 61

For Matthew Campion’s family,

Paid O. Ames & Sons,	\$60 00	
“ from treasury,	60 00	
		120 00

Amount carried forward, \$1,465 65

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$1,465 65
For Mrs. Patrick Reynolds,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons,		72 50
For Mrs. James McGintee,		
Paid H. Y. Mitchell,		96 00
For Christian Thoursse family,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons,		79 05
For Mrs. Bessie Coney and family,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons,	\$106 16	
" J. O. Dean & Co.,	13 25	
		119 41
For Mrs. Margaret Sweeney and family,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons,		66 00
For Mrs. David O'Connors and family,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons,		69 96
For Mrs. Timothy Healey and family,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons,		76 99
For Ellen Welch,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons,		24 00
For Thomas Tracy,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons,	\$54 66	
" Charles Carr,	24 00	
" Geo. G. Withington & Co.,	8 55	
" E. R. Hayward,	1 50	
		88 71
For Matthias Connely and family,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons,		43 98
For Mrs. Margaret McConnon,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons,	\$6 26	
" Frank Middleton & Co.,	2 20	
		8 46
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$2,210 71

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$2,210 71
For John Sloan,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons,	\$10 94	
“ John O. Dean & Co.,	4 25	
	<u>15 19</u>	
For Mrs. James O' Brien,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons,	\$6 40	
“ Frank Middleton & Co.,	36 00	
	<u>42 40</u>	
For Mrs. Bernard Reehill and family,		
Paid Frank Middleton & Co.,	\$30 00	
“ from treasury,	30 00	
	<u>60 00</u>	
For Mrs. Mary Evans,		
Paid Laroy T. Evans,	\$96 00	
“ Geo. L. Kimball,	6 27	
	<u>102 27</u>	
For Mrs. Isaac Drew,		
Paid F. C. Wade,	\$38 00	
“ Town Farm,	19 50	
“ Estate J. A. Pratt,	3 00	
	<u>60 50</u>	
For Mrs. Lydia M. Godfrey,		
Paid F. C. Wade,	\$36 00	
“ Henry W. Heath,	3 00	
“ Howard, Clark & Co.,	12 00	
“ E. R. Hayward,	2 00	
	<u>53 00</u>	
For Allen Brothers,		
Paid F. C. Wade,	\$1 00	
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$2,595 07

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$2,595 07
For Mrs. Susan Bonney,		
Paid H. Y. Mitchell,		26 00
For William Blanchard,		
Paid H. Y. Mitchell,		3 25
For Mrs. Susan Clark and family,		
Paid P. H. Pierce & Co.,		96 00
For Mrs. Hannah Willis,		
Paid from treasury,		53 67
For John Kerley,		
Paid Drake & Crooker,	\$72 00	
" S. S. Brett,	7 25	
" Lincoln & Kimball,	19 00	
" George B. Cogswell, M. D.,	7 50	
		105 75
For Lawrence Cronan,		
Paid Frank Middleton & Co.,	\$26 05	
" Charles Carr,	25	
		26 30
For Bridget Powers,		
Paid J. C. Goward,		48 00
For Mrs. Nicholas Murphy,		
Paid J. C. Goward,		36 80
For Mrs. Margaret Harrigan,		
Paid J. C. Goward,	\$48 00	
" Charles Carr,	12 00	
		60 00
For Azel Randall,		
Paid J. C. Goward,		4 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$3,054 84

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$3,054 84
For Henry A. White and family,		
Paid H. Y. Mitchell,	\$6 68	
" J. C. Goward,	2 00	
" Geo. L. Kimball,	2 87	
" Town of Norton,	4 25	
		15 80
For Charles W. Randall,		
Paid Elbridge Williams,	\$78 00	
" O. Ames & Sons,	2 25	
		80 25
For Fred. Fowler and family,		
Paid Randolph,		296 00
For Mrs. Bridget O'Connell,		
Paid Frank Middleton & Co.,	\$33 00	
" O. Ames & Sons,	7 09	
		40 09
For Paul Richardson's family,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons,	\$9 00	
" F. L. Ames,	10 95	
" Charles Carr,	60	
" E. E. Kelley,	2 00	
" Jesse J. Swan,	6 00	
" Withington & Co.,	2 60	
		31 15
For Mrs. Abbie Ripley and family,		
Paid Plymouth,		48 00
For Paschal Allen,		
Paid J. O. Dean & Co.,	\$19 20	
" John M. Gay,	2 00	
		21 20
For Margaret Cunningham,		
Paid Fall River,		6 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$3,593 33

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$3,593 33
For Patrick Cunningham,	
Paid Fall River,	8 00
For E. W. Chamberlin,	
Paid Taunton,	20 00
For Julia A. Berry,	
Paid Taunton,	3 00
For Mary McCool and family,	
Paid Brockton,	123 00
For Patrick Degnan,	
Paid Brockton,	112 50
For John Bailey,	
Paid Brockton,	21 00
For Nellie Riordan,	
Paid Brockton,	25 00
For John H. Freeman,	
Paid from treasury,	\$48 00
" Taunton,	13 14
	61 14
For Hannah Murray and family,	
Paid Cambridge,	\$30 31
" Boston,	3 44
	33 75
For James D. Walker,	
Paid F. C. Wade,	\$3 00
" D. L. Randall, M. D.,	15 75
	18 75
For Robert L. Watts and family,	
Paid Boston,	48 40
For Mrs. Samuel Cook,	
Paid Boston,	6 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	
	\$4,073 87

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$4,073 87
For Matthew Noonan,	
Paid Boston,	46 00
For Henry Randall,	
Paid Mansfield for support at Taunton	
Lunatic Hospital,	123 16

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS AND STATE.

For Mrs. Alfred Gibbs and family, Bourne,	
Paid J. C. Goward,	130 00
For Elbridge G. Lincoln, Taunton,	
Paid Walter H. Andrews,	24 00
For Chas. W. B. Tucker, Taunton,	
Paid Frank Middleton & Co.,	4 00
For Mrs. John Carey and child, Randolph,	
Paid Mrs. Lavina McDayitt,	6 86
For Sylvina G. Beal, Hanson,	
Paid Mrs. Laura A. Bailey,	\$62 00
" F. E. Tilden, M. D.,	18 00
	80 00
For Mrs. W. S. Henrys, Raynham,	
Paid F. C. Wade,	\$51 00
" J. O. Dean & Co.,	14 75
" H. W. Heath,	1 00
	66 75
For James Darrah, State,	
Paid Geo. B. Cogswell, M. D.,	18 00
For Albert R. Britton, Stoughton,	
Paid H. Y. Mitchell,	\$8 00
" F. L. Ames,	6 00
" Mrs. Whittemore	21 00
" D. L. Randall, M. D.,	20 00
	55 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	
	\$4,627 64

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$4,627 64
For Fred. Leonard, State,		
Paid William H. Tobey,	\$11 50	
" William Larson,	2 00	
		<u>13 50</u>
For G. Bradford Leonard, State,		
Paid Geo. L. Kimball,		2 50
		<u> </u>
Paid for poor outside of almshouse,		\$4,643 64
Balance against almshouse,		1,320 05
		<u>\$5,963 69</u>
Appropriations of town for poor,	\$6,000 00	
Received and due from other towns and State,	400 61	
		<u>6,400 61</u>
Unexpended,		<u>\$436 92</u>
Appropriation for lock-up,	\$1,200 00	
Amount expended,	893 85	
		<u> </u>
Unexpended,		<u>\$306 15</u>
SHADE TREES.		
Gift of Oliver Ames,	\$2,000 00	
Appropriated by the town,	519 50	
		<u>\$2,519 50</u>
Expended,		762 03
		<u>\$1,757 47</u>

Last fall we set out about five hundred trees on Washington, Main, Center, and Prospect Streets. We have now on hand eight hundred trees that will be suitable for setting next fall.

HIRAM WILLIAMS,
GEORGE COPELAND,
HENRY W. HEATH,

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

LIST OF JURORS

AS MADE OUT BY THE SELECTMEN.

Samuel Atwood.	William C. Howard.
Leavitt L. Berry.	Horace W. Jones.
Henry D. Buck.	George F. King.
James M. Belcher.	Charles A. Knapp.
Edgar F. Belcher.	Daniel C. Lillie.
Lincoln S. Drake.	Thos R. Marshall.
John Q. Dickerman.	Isaac L. Miller.
Thomas H. Dean.	Henry D. Newton.
Levi Fitton.	Alfred F. Pratt.
Philander W. Fecto.	Frederick Packard.
Alson A. Gilmore.	Horace D. Purinton.
Willard K. Goward.	Nathan Randall.
Edwin T. Goward.	Benj. A. Russell.
Samuel W. Gardner.	E. William Randall.
Amasa C. Heath.	William F. Staples.
Edward B. Hayward.	George W. Sylvester.
Edwin D. Howard.	John Welch.
Lucius Howard.	Geo. E. Williams.
Albert M. Hayward.	Hiram Williams.
Miranda Howard.	William F. White.
David Howard.	William M. Wills.

HIRAM WILLIAMS,
GEO. COPELAND,
H. W. HEATH,
Selectmen of Easton.

EASTON, Feb. 4, 1887.

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

HIRAM WILLIAMS,		
Services as selectman, etc.,	\$218 75	
Conveyance,	30 25	
Cash expenses,	8 73	
		\$257 73
GEO. COPELAND,		
Services as selectman, etc.,	\$174 00	
Conveyance,	35 21	
Cash expenses,	1 60	
		210 81
HENRY W. HEATH,		
Services as selectman, etc.,	\$92 00	
Conveyance,	23 75	
Cash expenses,	2 00	
		117 75
JONA A. PRATT,		
Services as selectman, etc.,		10 75
GEO. G. WITHINGTON,		
Services and expenses as town clerk, treasurer, and registrar of votes,		155 86
WILLIAM L. CHAFFIN,		
Services and expenses as school com- mittee,		27 80
NATHAN KING,		
Services as road commissioner,		24 01
JOHN O. DEAN,		
Services as road commissioner,	\$97 50	
Conveyance,	22 50	
Cash expenses,	5 60	
		125 60
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$930 31

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$930 31
THOMAS B. KEITH,	
Services as road commissioner,	53 00
GEO. J. ROLLINS,	
Services as road commissioner,	35 00
SAMUEL M. RENNIE,	
Services as constable,	27 00
DANIEL M. DAILEY,	
Sealer of weights and measures,	25 00
JULIUS D. ATWOOD,	
Services as registrar of voters,	12 50
GEO. A. LACKEY,	
Services as registrar of voters,	15 00
A. MORTON HAYWARD,	
Services as registrar of voters,	15 00
	\$1,112 81

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1886.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
Jan. 7	Ethel M. Berry	F.	Leland and Ida.
" 12	James Kent	M.	Richard and Margaret.
" 24	Gertrude Geddes	F.	George G. and Isabella.
Feb. 1	Marian L. Wills	F.	William M. and Evelyn A.
" 1	Myrtie Augusta Shaw	F.	Charles H. and Ellen A.
" 4	Mary A. Molander	F.	John and Hannah.
" 5	Wilmarth N. Soule	M.	Nelson P. and Lucy Ann.
" 13	Mary Higginbottom	F.	Charles W. and Martha.
" 15	William Henry Maloy	M.	John and Mary.
" 17	Arthur C. Anderson	M.	Charles and Anna B.
" 22	Estella Leonard	F.	Lewis D. and Harriet E.
" 23	Leary	F.	Dennis and Joanna.
March 1	Alfred George Murray	M.	Alexander and Isabella.
" 1	Maud Celia Wells	F.	Orion W. and Alice A.
" 3	Johanna Lordan	F.	William and Mary.
" 11	Algodt N. Anderson	M.	John and Sophia.
" 13	Hannah Mulhearn	F.	Hannah Mulhearn.
" 14	Walter A. Baldwin	M.	Joseph and Emily.
" 28	Thomas J. Canan	M.	Anthony and Mary.
" 31	DeWitt	F.	Guilford C. and Margaret.
April 2	Edward Hanson	M.	Oliver and Ellen.
" 20	William Furlong	M.	Michael and Catherine.
" 21	Frederic M. Webster	M.	Forest M. and Mabel E.
" 27	Jane Elizabeth Cotter	F.	Timothy and Ellen.
" 27	Harold L. Grundborg	M.	Emrick and Bertha.
" 28	James Henry Linehan	M.	John J. and Norah F.
" 30	Cornelius F. Lynch	M.	Cornelius and Mary.
May 13	Alfred Brent Ghen	M.	George W. and Emma J.
" 22	Dennis A. Carroll	M.	Jeremiah and Mary.
" 28	Margaret M. O'Keoffe	F.	Joseph and Mary Ann.
June 5	Matthew T. Flannagan	M.	Matthew and Mary A.
" 6	John F. Champion	M.	Ellen Riordan.
" 7	Safford	F.	William J. and Nancy L.
" 14	Louisa H. Newton	F.	Henry E. and Emily C.
" 22	Milly E. Gooch	F.	Alphonso F. and Mary E.
" 25	Charles McMenamy	M.	Michael and Mary.
" 28	Charles H. Harvey	M.	Charles and Alice C.
July 3	Carl Henry Nilsson	M.	Andrew J. and Augusta.
" 9	Albert S. Caldwell	M.	Thaddeus and Jessie E.
" 11	Catherine T. Dailey	F.	Cornelius and Hannah.
" 16	Foster	M.	Charles and Elizabeth.
" 16	Ethel B. Watts	F.	Charles and Flora.
" 18	Mabel Royal	F.	Jules M. and Adaline.
Aug. 1	Ernest T. Currier	M.	Frank M. and Mary T.
" 12	Charles N. Dean	M.	Nelson C. and Agnes.
" 14	Margaret J. Slattery	F.	Edmund and Margaret.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1886. — *Continued.*

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
Aug. 23	Wilfred A. Marshall	M.	Thomas R. and Mary E.
" 31	Alice L. Darling	F.	Lucius and Jane.
Sept. 2	Crocker	F.	John B. and Maria.
" 9	Mary Welch	F.	Richard and Mary.
" 11	Clara A. Anderson	F.	Emma L. Anderson.
" 15	Lysle H. Watts	F.	Elmer E. and Jane M.
" 18	Howard	F.	Frederic L. and Clara L.
" 20	Otis Linnæus Lunn	M.	Linnæus W. and Ada E.
" 26	Heleenius	M.	William and Sarah.
Oct. 4	Caroline Alice Hill	F.	Charles W. and Alice J.
" 17	William J. Buckley	M.	Daniel and Abby.
" 20	Cunningham	F.	John J. and Mary A.
" 22	George W. Newcombe . . .	M.	George E. and Anna M.
" 25	Jane Burns	F.	James and Bridget.
" 25	Josephine Burns	F.	James and Bridget.
Nov. 15	Sullivan	M.	Patrick and Hannah.
" 21	Joseph F. McNamara . . .	M.	John and Anna A.
" 21	Daniel Belcher	M.	George C. and Mary A.
" 25	George W. Hayward	M.	Edward B. and Mary Ann.
" 26	Margaret Vaughan	F.	John and Catharine.
" 26	Frederic L. Wells	M.	Freeman W. and Mary A.
Dec. 4	Maud F. Sweet	F.	George H. and Martha.
" 11	William Snow	M.	James E. and Ella F.
" 11	John F. Downey	M.	Thomas and Ellen.
" 12	Alfreda Wennstrom	F.	Peter and Anna.
" 15	George Middleton	M.	Francis and Josephine H.
" 20	Mary Helen Sweeney	F.	James and Anna.
" 27	Emogen E. Raymond . . .	F.	Charles W. and Etta J.
Feb. 5, '85	Helen Clifton Carr	F.	George H. and Jerusha H.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1886.

DATE.	NAMES AND RESIDENCES.
Jan. 7.	Thomas F. Langley, of Brockton, and Christine M. Jackson, of Easton.
" 29.	Cornelius Thomas and Rose Bradley, both of Easton.
Feb. 10.	John W. Desmond, of Easton, and Mary Burgess, of Brockton.
" 11.	Michael Furlong and Catherine Linnehan, both of Easton.
M'ch 4.	Sylvanus P. Dexter, of Hopkinton, and Anna M. Atwood, of Easton.
Apr. 9.	Lewis L. Mitchell, of Fitchburg, and Lillie A. Bailey, of Easton.
" 26.	Herbert F. French and Harriet A. Smith, both of Easton.
" 29.	Frederic H. White, of Wareham, and Mary C. Randall, of Easton.
May 12.	John Conefrey, of Brockton, and Ellen M. G. Barlow, of Easton.
" 27.	Patrick F. Derby and Mary A. Lyons, both of Easton.
June 14.	John E. Adams, of Cottage City, and Lucy J. Southworth, of Easton.
" 22.	Daniel Cahill and Alice Downey, both of Easton.
" 26.	Charles G. Carlsson, of Easton, and Caroline Burgeson, of Connecticut.
Aug. 22.	Alphonso Buck and Lisette Damiens, both of Easton.
" 28.	August Ledin, of Easton, and Hannah Swanson, of Boston.
Sept. 30.	Patrick Nagle and Ann Lordan, both of Easton.
Oct. 3.	Frank L. Williams and Mabel A. Buck, both of Easton.
" 12.	Timothy H. Riordan and Mary A. O'Malley, both of Easton.
" 27.	Walter Welch, of Easton, and Sarah J. Clark, of Foxboro.
" 28.	J. Preston Howard, of Easton, and Bessie B. Sherman, of Rochester.
Nov. 3.	William Gilmore and Louise B. Howard, both of Easton.
" 5.	Jesse J. Swan, and Edith A. Pratt, both of Easton.
" 5.	Orr Hathaway, of Stoughton, and Marian G. Eddy, of Easton.
" 7.	William Borg and Anna Thoursse, both of Easton.
" 7.	Edward Ebbs, of Easton, and Mary Mowatt, of Boston.

DATE.	NAMES AND RESIDENCES.
Nov. 13.	Peter Nolan and Sarah Riley, both of Boston.
" 14.	Charles Sawyer and Ellen Maxner, both of Boston.
" 17.	Emory S. Leonard and Elizabeth P. Fuller, both of Easton.
" 22.	Charles D. Simpson and Mary J. Young, both of Easton.
" 24.	Wilfred A. Keith, of Easton, and Emma L. Packard of Brockton.
Dec. 15.	Edward Abrahamson, of Easton, and Anna Lundgrën, of Brockton.
" 21.	Christopher B. Erskine, of Stoughton, and Susan A. Blanch- ard, of Easton.
" 23.	Ralph J. Ellis, of Cambridgeport, and Helen W. Belcher, of Easton.
" 27.	William S. Gray, of Fall River, and Elsie J. Murphy, of Easton.
" 29.	Alfred A. Sisson and Marian E. Wilber, both of Easton.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1886.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.	
Jan. 11	Henry M. Bailey . . .	1	2	11	Meningitis.
24	Emily T. Littlefield . .	66	5	..	Intermittent Fever.
Feb. 1	Jonathan A. Pratt . .	67	2	10	Apoplexia.
6	Tarteus Buck . . .	80	11	2	Senility.
9	Alfreda B. Frink . . .	70	..	..	General Debility.
March 7	Sarah M. Leavitt . . .	38	5	11	Heart disease.
18	Hannah Mulhearn . .	..	..	5	Inanition.
31	Margaret E. Scott . .	1	5	2	Acute Hydrocephalus.
April 5	James Humphrey . . .	78	6	1	Ænemia.
6	Jason Dunbar . . .	77	..	1	Old age.
	Elizabeth Hurst . . .	72	6	12	Organic Dis. of Heart.
15	Michael Mahoney . . .	48	..	..	Pneumonia.
17	Mary E. Simpson . . .	27	7	7	Phthisis Pulm.
18	Ichabod Pope . . .	86	1	18	Chronic Jaundice.
	Susan Briton . . .	..	..	..	
May 2	Harriet V. Gibbs . . .	29	1	1	Paralysis.
6	Anne M. Snow . . .	..	11	21	Meningitis.
15	Cyrus Alger . . .	75	..	11	Hernia.
19	Anna Maria Harvey . .	3	..	..	Pneumonia.
25	Daniel Kelleher . . .	53	..	..	Brain Disease.
June 2	Ann Cregan . . .	71	6	..	Burn.
3	Sally Dickerman . . .	88	11	6	Heart Disease.
11	Louisa Stuart . . .	79	..	..	Cancer.
14	Edwin S. Russell . . .	73	9	24	Cancer.
July 6	Sally Booth . . .	85	4	3	Insanity & Paralysis.
9	Ellen Barden . . .	2	..	22	Pertussis.
10	Mary Malloy . . .	14	11	4	Consumption.
11	John M. Shepard . . .	60	..	10	Dis. of Liver & Kid'ys.
14	Dorcas Day . . .	87	9	19	Old age.
20	Mary A. Molander . . .	..	5	16	Cholera Infantum.
Aug. 1	Merrill A. Tyler . . .	40	10	5	Accident
16	Patrick Murphy . . .	53	2	..	Consumption.
21	Abigail H. Purinton . .	88	4	3	Dysentery.
23	Edward G. Evans . . .	27	5	26	Par'lysis & Pneumonia.
26	Edgar Otis Hill . . .	..	10	..	Dysentery.
28	Gertrude Geddes . . .	..	7	4	Cholera Infantum.
30	Dennison S. Drew . . .	46	6	11	Typhoid Fever.
Sept. 1	Lucy A. French . . .	56	6	20	Pneumonia.
4	Eliza Godfrey . . .	86	..	8	Old age.
6	Levina Williams . . .	89	9	10	Old age.
8	Bridget Skelley . . .	62	..	..	Pyæmia.
9	Harold S. Grundborg . .	..	4	13	Cholera Infantum.
11	Catherine S. Leonard . .	24	..	..	Heart Disease.
14	William P. Middleton . .	5	7	24	Accident.
15	Lydia Godfrey . . .	76	6	28	Pneumonia.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1886.— *Continued.*

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.	
Sept. 17	James Burke	67	.	.	Cholera Morbus.
25	Rebecca Newcomb . .	78	5	5	Bronchitis.
26	William M. Cole . . .	73	4	.	Consumption.
27	John Edward Linnehan	23	2	27	Consumption.
Oct. 6	Jeanette H. Kingman .	80	9	6	Old age.
16	Margaret McConnon .	70	.	.	Accident.
20	Cunningham	.	.	.	Still-born.
23	Isabella Farrell	54	.	.	Typhoid Fever.
Nov. 4	Harry A. Gibbs	.	3	26	Cholera Infantum.
7	Betsey Keith	86	7	20	Old age.
21	Hannah W. Willis . .	81	10	18	Senile Debility.
24	Frederic Leonard . . .	20	.	.	Accident.
28	Bridget Killeen . . .	64	.	.	Pneumonia.
Dec. 12	Maud F. Sweet	.	.	8	Inanition.
20	Eleanor J. Ghen	45	1	19	Heart Disease.
21	Edith Johnson	23	11	7	Consumption.
26	Ellen Walsh	35	.	.	Bright's Disease.
29	Thomas F. Butler . . .	.	.	.	Accident

SUMMARY.

BIRTHS	74	
Both parents of native birth,		32
Both parents of foreign birth,		33
Ireland,	20	
Sweden,	8	
Scotland,	2	
Provinces,	3	
Father only of foreign birth,		2
Ireland,	1	
Sweden,	1	
Mother only of foreign birth,		7
Provinces,	5	
Ireland,	2	
MARRIAGES	35	
Both of native birth,		20
Both of foreign birth,		10
Ireland,	4	
Sweden,	4	
Provinces,	1	
Ireland and Provinces,	1	
Native and foreign birth,		5
DEATHS	63	
Of native birth,		50
Of foreign birth,		13

NAMES OF OWNERS OR KEEPERS OF DOGS

LICENSED IN EASTON BETWEEN MAY 1, 1886, AND
MAY 1, 1887.

Chas. H. Shaw.	Geo. B. Cogswell.
Lucius Howard.	Azel O Randall.
Dwellely G. Smith (2).	Lewis F. Phillips (2).
E. Manning.	Lewis B. Manning.
Horace G. Mitchell.	Chas. A. Harvey.
Chas. F. Lothrop.	Andrew F. Anderson (2).
Dennis Sullivan.	Horatio N. Manning.
John F. Ervin.	Henry I. Drake.
Asa T. Newcomb.	John Riley.
Dennis Sweeney.	H. P. Childs.
Lorestan Snell.	Fred. L. Howard.
William J. Twohig.	Geo. K. Davis.
Geo. G. Withington.	Edgar F. Belcher.
Geo. L. Kimball (3).	Wm. E. Tune.
John Nolan.	Geo. N. Blanchard.
Sarah A. Reed.	Geo. H. Andrews.
Anthony McAnar.	Frank Middleton.
Joseph W. Calef.	Wm. L. Chaffin.
A. Curtis Wade.	Florence Riordan.
Thomas R. Howard.	William T. Gibbs.
Dennis Donahue.	John Flannagan.
W. J. Cliborn.	James C. Tabor.
Michael Mulligan.	Frank C. Wade.
Asahel Smith.	Edwin Gilmore.
Geo. E. Dana.	Howard Gilmore.

Patrick Richardson.	Thomas Sheehan.
Charles Scott.	Luther F. Smith (2).
Charles Lawson.	Charles T. Wade.
Thomas B. Keith.	Cornelius Harvey.
A. F. Pratt.	James Mayall.
James Dermody.	Constantine Kerley.
Axel Jappson.	Edwin T. Goward (2).
Thomas H. McCarthy.	Edw. N. Morse.
Forest M. Webster.	Jeremiah Lyons.
Langdon H. Randall.	Miriam G. Dowden.
James Rankin.	H. N. Billington.
C. F. Riordan.	Cornelius Riordan.
Geo. A. Gibbs.	John Maloy.
David B. Tinkham.	J. Henry Hurst.
Peter Fisher.	M. D. Schindler.
Thos. E. Williams.	Helen S. Andrews.
Dan'l. L. Randall.	Charles F. Monk.
Joseph G. Newcomb (2).	Geo. Copeland (2).
Fred. Packard.	Joel S. Drake.
Willis J. Flagg (2).	Richard Maliff.
Michael Twomey.	John Sharp.
Henry F. Frost.	Wm. C. Howard.
Wm. H. Keenan.	A. S. B. Lothrop.
Thomas F. Ladd.	J. H. Leighton.
Chas. H. McGuire.	Oscar B. Randall.
Jabez Mayall.	Geo. W. Kennedy.
Thomas Greaves.	Jeremy Lake.
James H. Murphy.	Martin D. Willis.
Michael Riordan.	Wm. T. Nye.
James Cahill.	James Linnehan.
E. P. Spooner.	John H. Daley (2).
Geo. Weiss.	Henry W. Heath.

John Moinehan.
 Everett A. Randall.
 Dominic F. Kelleher.
 John Wells.
 Joseph Lavender.
 Maud L. Hayward.
 Robert Birnie.
 Daniel Belcher.
 Edw. R. Hayward.
 James Donovan.
 Geo. W. Eldredge.
 Dennis Burke.
 Merrill A. Tyler.
 John Flood.
 Thomas McDermott.
 J. Howard Marshall.
 J. F. Goward.
 Aug. J. Leavitt.
 Ira R. Bailey.
 John F. Lincoln.
 Chas. E. Randall.
 Dennis S. Buck.
 John Gallagher.
 Jeremiah Dailey.
 Chas. S. Packard.
 Wm. P. Packard.
 Wm. S. Rice.
 Orion W. Wells.
 Frank M. Currier.
 Ira Gardner.
 Geo. G. Hayes.
 John McMullen.

W. K. Goward.
 Angela McCready.
 W. E. Jones (7).
 Hugh Mullen.
 William Gray.
 John O'Hanlon.
 Nathan Randall.
 Elmer Monk.
 Francis Whitten.
 Oren F. Lincoln, Jr. (2).
 Chas. H. Reed.
 Frank Britton.
 Walter H. Andrews.
 Bartholomew Proctor.
 J. Clinton Goward.
 Nelson M. Randall.
 Edw. N. Fisher.
 Levi C. Randall.
 T. M. James.
 Thomas Bean.
 Frank C. Pratt.
 Oliver Lindquist.
 James R. Mackay.
 Mary H. Williams.
 James D. Walker.
 Hobart Ames (2).
 Timothy Leary.
 Harry Greaves.
 Walter E. Jackman.
 Michael Devlin.
 Emrich Grundberg.
 R. H. Leonard.

John F. Dean.	Alton L. Gooch.
Samuel Atwood.	Thomas Donahoe.
Wm. H. Lothrop.	Geo. S. Smith.
Elbridge G. Lincoln.	Charles Hewitt.
Jacob Leason.	John Burns.
Robert Orrell.	John M. Wells.
F. A. Holbrook.	Henry A. Phillips.
Geo. N. Bailey.	Roger S. Howard.
John McEntee.	D. Fred. Clark.
Eugene Callahan.	Eustis K. Clapp.
Etta A. Smith.	W. E. Drake.
James C. Wade.	David S. Carpenter.
Henry W. King.	Wm. A. Flynn.
Robert Millett.	Elmer O. Barnes.
Frank Ripley.	William Twohig.
C. A. Freeman.	John N. Lufkin.
Chas. Chapman.	Hosea R. Wade.
Martin E. Henshaw.	James McEntee.
David McDonald.	William E. Staples.
William Ervin.	A. R. Lincoln.
James Grant.	James H. Leshure.
Patrick Harlow.	Patrick Nagle,
William Lordan.	Joseph A. Randall.
Frank M. Swain.	Amos G. Pratt.
W. P. Drew.	Nelson P. Soule.
Frank P. Keith.	F. W. Tileston.
John Mahoney.	Richard Burke.
Geo. F. F. Wilde (2).	Wallace Wells (3).
James E. Simpson.	Zechariah Snell.
Geo. J. Rollins (2).	Daniel Lyons.
Chas. F. Riordan.	John E. Collins.
Geo. H. Thompson.	Henry L. Howard.

Dennis Connell.	Geo. W. Safford.
James W. Conlan.	Cyrus Lothrop.
Clifford Bird.	Robert B. Davis.
Fred. K. Belcher.	Philip Fagan.
Dennis Coughlin.	Michael Cunningham.
Clinton B. Webster.	Oliver Ames, 2d (3).
Alfonzo Gooch.	William Robinson.
Andrew N. Grady.	Dean Ramsdell.
Peter Conroy.	F. C. Taylor (2).
Alexander Murray.	Jonathan W. Keith.
Cyrus Alger.	John B. Williams.
Samuel C. Mackay.	Martin H. Willis.
Charles F. Cook.	Edward Finley.
Gardner White.	Francis Homes.
John G. Johnston.	Dennis Sweeney.
Frederic Allen.	Ada M. Dean.

Wm. J. McCombe.

Total number,

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GEORGE G. WITHINGTON,

Town Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF EASTON, *in account with*

GEO. G. WITHINGTON, *Treasurer.*

Cr. CASH RECEIVED.

Balance on hand, Jan. 1,	\$5,972 04	
Uncollected taxes,	560 03	
		\$6,532 07
Income of Ames bequests,		8,000 00
From National Bank of Easton, loan,		10,000 00
Assessors' tax list,		28,538 34
Commonwealth corp. tax,	\$9,961 42	
National Bank tax,	3,125 22	
State account,	1,120 25	
Indigent soldiers' aid,	237 00	
Support of State paupers,	24 00	
Income of "School Fund,"	52 24	
		14,520 13
From County Treasurer, "Dog Fund,"		574 49
aid to poor refunded,		166 83
dog licenses,		637 80
N. E. Manufacturing Co., for use		
of road teams,		36 00
tuition in High School,		60 00
pedlers' licenses,		20 00
rent of Evans place,		20 65
Memorial Hall Association,		50 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$69,156 31

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$69,156 31
From stone and brick sold from Town Hall,	61 45
City of Taunton,	16 00
Town of Bourne,	260 00
“ “ Raynham,	108 32
“ “ Stoughton,	55 00
“ “ Mansfield,	7 25
“ “ Hanson,	80 00
	\$69,744 33

Dr. CASH PAID.

For State tax,	\$3,300 00
National bank tax,	340 17
Note at national bank of Easton,	10,000 00
Discount on note,	129 30
County tax,	4,139 05
Dog licenses to county treasurer,	637 80
Printing town reports, 1885,	126 80
Rent of Town Hall,	60 00
Premiums of insurance policies,	457 50
Discount on taxes,	1,712 30
Wages of teachers,	10,453 07
Care of schoolhouses,	673 45
Fuel for “	155 75
School supplies and sundries,	517 00
School text-book account,	793 63
Schoolhouse repairs account,	1,100 31
Car fare of High School pupils,	190 58
Salary of W. C. Bates, superintendent,	476 00
Road Department, repairs,	7,253 50
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$42,516 21

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$42,516 21
For Road Department, tools,	344 74
Cleaning roads of snow,	69 40
Care of outside poor,	4,801 80
Expenses of almshouse,	640 29
Bills of town officers,	1,112 81
New Town Hall,	4,959 96
Fence about Town Hall,	17 17
Fire-proof vault,	378 77
Lock-up at Town Farm,	893 85
Setting trees on highways,	423 06
Taxes remitted 1884 and 1885,	236 52
Bill of Geo. B. Cogswell, town physician,	100 00
Bill of H. J. Fuller, legal services,	85 00
For services of J. Rankin, school committee in 1885,	12 00
Post No. 52, G. A. R.,	150 00
Care of lock-up,	15 00
Miscellaneous printing,	35 75
Collecting, recording, indexing and return- ing births, marriages, and deaths, in 1885 and 1886,	106 25
Expense of liquor prosecutions,	45 50
Services of Brockton Fire Department,	38 00
Express charges, postage, stationery, etc.,	20 43
Collecting N. E. Village tax,	32 53
Edw. N. Morse, on account of Washington Street,	133 00
S. M. Rennie, truant officer,	41 75
L. K. Wilber, land damage,	156 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$57,365 79

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$57,365 79
For Chas. H. Reed, committee on Town Hall,	73 27
Lucian Bonney, committee on Town Hall,	12 50
J. M. Shepard, truant officer,	3 05
E. B. Hayward, surveying,	7 50
E. L. Brown, surveying,	20 20
J. M. Gay, distributing reports,	4 00
Fees for certifying State aid returns,	8 75
Physicians for returns of births,	14 25
Undertakers for returns of deaths,	10 75
S. D. Simpson & Sons, guide boards and wells,	9 45

Indigent soldiers' aid, chap. 252, viz. :—

Thomas McGrath,	\$82 00	
Charles H. Macguire,	82 00	
James McCready,	72 00	
Wm. H. Keenan,	68 00	
Geo. H. Drake,	96 00	
Willard Lothrop,	80 00	
		480 00

State aid as follows, viz. :—

Geo. A. Lackey,	\$106 00
Dennison S. Drew,	80 00
Joseph H. Ridlon,	64 00
Geo. N. Blanchard,	102 00
John W. McDonald,	54 00
Simeon A. Randall,	43 50
Thomas Donahue,	25 00
Peter Fisher,	102 00
Chas. F. Lothrop,	36 00
James H. Leshure,	72 00

<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>			\$684 50 \$58,009 51
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<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$684 50	\$58,009 51
Thomas Murray,	48 00	
E. G. Whittemore,	48 00	
Monroe F. Williams,	25 75	
Charlotte A. Pope,	48 00	
Caroline F. Hill,	48 00	
Celia J. Wells,	34 00	
Amanda Drake,	48 00	
Harriet S. Williams,	48 00	
Salome Lothrop,	48 00	
Mary McEvoy,	34 00	
Mary Richards,	34 00	
Ann Haney,	48 00	
Laura A. Smith,	48 00	
Mary Diamond,	24 00	
Sally A. Henrys,	24 00	
		1,292 25
Uncollected taxes,	\$760 00	
Cash in treasury,	9,682 57	
		10,442 57
		\$69,744 33

GEO. G. WITHINGTON,

Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

EASTON, Feb. 9, 1887.

We, the subscribers, Auditors of the accounts of the town of Easton for the year ending Dec. 31, 1886, have examined the accounts of Geo. G. Withington, its Treasurer, and have found the same correctly cast and properly vouched; and we further certify that the Treasurer has verified to us that the cash balance of \$9,682.57 due from him to the town is in his possession.

EDWARD N. MORSE,

GEO. W. KENNEDY.

Auditors.

CONDITION OF TREASURY, DEC. 31. 1886.

ASSETS.

Cash,	\$9,682 57	
Uncollected taxes,	760 00	
Due for State aid,	1,292 25	
“ “ indigent soldiers' aid,	240 00	
“ “ aid to State paupers,	18 00	
“ from Taunton,	37 00	
		\$12,029 82

LIABILITIES.

Due Town of Weymouth,	\$16 50	
Warden of almshouse,	437 50	
		454 00
Balance in favor of town,		\$11,575 82

There is also due from the town an amount chargeable to account of road repairs, on bills in the hands of the Commissioners.

GEORGE G. WITHINGTON,

Treasurer.

TOWN WARRANT.

BRISTOL, SS.

To SAMUEL M. RENNIE, *Constable of the Town of Easton,*
in the County of Bristol, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Easton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Easton, on the seventh day of March next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles: —

1st. To chose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

2d. To see if the town will accept the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Road Commissioners, and School Committee.

3d. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, and to see if the town will vote to grant licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors. (The vote must be by a separate ballot and must be Yes or No, in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?")

4th. To determine the manner of repairing the highways, town ways, and bridges for the ensuing year.

5th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

6th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to pay the fare on the railroad from Easton to North Easton for such scholars as wish to attend the High School at North Easton.

7th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended under the direction of Post No. 52, G. A. R., in decorating soldiers' graves.

8th. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

9th. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as made out by the Selectmen.

10th. To see if the town will introduce steam for heating schoolhouse in Dist. No. 7, and make all necessary appropriations therefore.

11th. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-fourth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven.

HIRAM WILLIAMS,
GEORGE COPELAND,
HENRY W. HEATH,

Selectmen of Easton.

REPORT OF THE OAKES AMES MEMORIAL HALL ASSOCIATION.

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1886,	\$79 42
Received from rent of halls for lectures and other entertainments,	402 50
Received from Paul Dean Lodge, for use of gasolene,	25 00
Received from Paul Dean Lodge, rent of rooms as per lease for the year 1886,	1 00
	\$507 92

EXPENDITURES.

Paid janitor,	\$102 00	
“ for coal,	66 79	
“ for gasolene,	73 60	
“ for wood,	3 00	
“ for cleaning halls,	14 10	
“ for labor,	13 46	
“ for repairing gas fixtures,	2 75	
“ for printing notices,	2 00	
“ for supplies,	14 88	
“ for repairing chairs,	1 50	
“ for lantern,	2 75	
“ town of Easton,	50 00	
		346 83
Balance in hands of Treasurer,		
		\$161 09

I also hold, as Treasurer, the income on \$2,000, bonds of the Kansas Pacific Railway Company, which were donated to the trustees, the income of which was to be applied to insuring the Oakes Ames Memorial Hall, and any balance to be applied to repairs.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1886,	\$522 37
Dividends on said bonds,	120 00
Interest to Jan. 1, 1887,	62 25
	\$704 62
Less paid premium of insurance on \$35,000, expiring Oct. 14, 1891,	525 00
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	\$179 62

OLIVER AMES,

Treasurer.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

To the Citizens of Easton :

We submit to your inspection the following details of the work done by us the past year : —

The most of our work has been to repair the damages made by the great freshet of Feb. 12 and 13, 1886.

We at once commenced the work as fast as we could to advantage, and continued it until the snow came in December. We have expended some more money than was appropriated for our work, judging that it was for the best interest of the town to complete this work as soon as we could, and thus remove the danger of still greater damages. We could have called a town meeting and asked for more money, but by advice of different individuals we have continued our work, and feel sure that we have done what was for your interest, the best we could. We have repaired and rebuilt fifteen bridges of various sizes, and a great number of wash-outs ; the one at the Shoddy Mill alone took more than a thousand loads to refill. Most of the bridges have been built much larger, and in building them we have been particular to get large stones for the foundations, although we had to go a long distance for them ; and it is a wonder that some of the bridges did not wash away long ago, when we see the small stones that were used for the foundations. In most places where we could we have built the bridges much higher than the old ones. The design of this plan is to have the water, in time of great freshets, run over the road at the sides of

the bridge, before it will fill the bridge full. For a bridge is seldom injured unless the water more than fills it and then washes under the foundations. We have used 1,444 feet of new covering stone from Quincy, which cost \$764.17, delivered at Easton station.

There are several more small bridges that will need to be repaired the coming year.

Washington Street, near Mr. E. N. Morse's, has been finished to the grade of the sidewalk built by Mr. Morse.

There is an appropriation for Depot Street of \$333.02 which has not been expended. The expenditure of this money, and enough more to put this street in good condition, should be done the coming year, unless we have another great wash-out.

ROAD DEPARTMENT PROPERTY.

4 Horses.	26 Hand Drills.
1 Pair of Oxen.	3 Wrenches.
4 Cart Harnesses.	4 Oil Cans.
1 Set Double Harness.	9 Lanterns.
3 Halters.	7 Lanterns, new.
4 Horse Carts.	8 Lantern Holders.
1 Ox Cart.	6 Gravel Screens.
2 Ploughs.	2 Ox Yokes.
1 Stone Drag.	3 Water Pails.
3 Tie Chains.	6 Feed Boxes.
3 Large Chains.	1 Feed Bag.
2 Trace Chains.	1 Grain Box.
18 Large Drills.	1 Tool Box.
6 Sledges and Hammers.	2 Mane Brushes.
2 Hoes.	2 Horse Brushes.
3 Bush Scythes.	3 Curry-combs.

5 Snaths.	2 Measures.
6 Steel Wedges.	1 Steel Stamp.
6 Steel Bars.	1 Burning Brand.
2 Hatchets.	1 Road Roller.
2 Axes.	1 Road Scraper.
7 Forks.	1 Pennock Road Machine.
9 Picks.	1 Snow Plough.
4 Pick Hoes.	1 Scraper, marked.
7 Rakes.	50 Lantern Globes, marked.
13 Shovels.	Lot of Old Iron.
2 Drill Spoons.	

ROAD MATERIAL MOVED BY TEAMS.

Loads of Gravel,	3,222
“ “ Stone,	9,975
“ “ Filling,	4,690
“ “ Crushed stone,	182
“ “ Loam,	301
	18,370

ROAD TOOL ACCOUNT.

O. Ames & Sons, 16 shovels,	\$9 59
Farrell Foundry & Machine Co., 2 pair jaw plates for crusher,	51 64
Freight on same,	3 72
M. F. Whitton & Co., bill of rope for derrick	38 70
S. D. Simpson, bill of carts,	30 50
Jones, McDuffee & Stratton, bill of lanterns and globes,	16 18
E. N. Morse, drag plank,	3 00
French & Co., blades for road scraper,	11 00
E. D. Williams, yoke of oxen,	190 00
	\$354 33

Of these bills the Treasurer has paid	\$344 74
O. Ames & Sons' bill is not paid,	9 59
	\$354 33

THE STATEMENTS

Which follow cover all the expenses of all work done by the Road Department, from Jan. 1, 1886, to Jan. 1, 1887.

The item bills, which cover all these expenses, have been made out and approved, but have not all been paid by the Treasurer, for reason that the appropriation was exhausted.

LABOR OF ROAD COMPANY.

L. O. Legard,	253 days, 0 hours, at 25 cts.	\$632 50
L. O. Legard,	46 " 5 " at 20 cts.	93 00
John Ervin,	91 " 2 " at 25 cts.	228 00
Ira Gardner,	81 " 4 " at 20 cts.	162 80
A. B. Anderson.	4 " 9 $\frac{3}{2}$ " at 25 cts.	12 42
August Lan,	4 " 0* " "	6 99
John Nolan,	223 " 7 " "	387 30
Ed. Desmond,	22 " 0 " "	35 00
Dennis Coughlin,	199 " 2 " "	342 51
Alex. Wood,	36 " 6 " "	62 35
John Ryan,	222 " 6 " "	385 06
Louis Louzon,	221 " 9 " "	380 97
Thos. Donahoe,	93 " 7 " "	158 57
Wm. Moore,	75 " 6 " "	132 29
Andrew Johnson,	145 " 5 " "	254 61
Morris Fitzgerald,	100 " 2 " "	175 35

<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$3,449 72
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NOTE.—The bills for this work are included in twenty-four pay-rolls. The first three were at 15 cents per hour; the remaining twenty-one at 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per hour.

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>				\$3,449 72
Henry Drake,	86	days, 6	hours,	151 55
Pat. Murphy,	120	"	5 "	210 86
Martin Williams,	172	"	7 "	302 21
Jerry Buckley,	62	"	9 "	285 05
Mike Furlong,	19	"	0 "	30 75
Pat. Lanahan,	15	"	0 "	20 50
Dennis Murphy,	1	"	6 "	2 85
Wm. Derby,	17	"	5 "	28 25
Geo. Parker,	19	"	0 "	30 75
James Ready,	222	"	0 "	385 72
Pat. Conlan,	158	"	5 "	273 80
Peter Nolan,	208	"	5 "	361 21
				\$5,538 22

LABOR OUTSIDE OF ROAD COMPANY.

Edmund Lothrop, use of oxen 18 hours,	\$3 60
Town Farm, men and team,	3 00
A. Gilmore, use of oxen,	3 00
J. T. Johnson, 2 days' labor mowing bushes,	3 50
" " 4½ " " picking stones,	7 87
Albert Packard, 8½ days' labor,	14 87
Wm. P. Packard, 10½ days' labor,	18 37
H. D. White, 4 days' labor mowing bushes,	7 00
F. A. Holbrook, labor, " "	1 10
Chas. R. Dailey, 5½ days, picking stones,	9 62
Chas. E. Keith, labor,	1 50
L. W. Lunn, " "	1 50
John Ervin, 1 day's labor, building wall,	2 00
A. B. Anderson, drilling stones for railing,	6 37
" " work on Oliver Street,	5 50
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$88 80

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$88 80
G. J. Rollins, for 38 hours' work	5 70
“ “ “ labor man and team 6 days,	18 00
“ “ “ 1 day's labor of team,	1 50
“ “ “ 2 “ “ man,	3 50
H. L. Howard, 10 $\frac{2}{10}$ days' labor on railings,	22 95
E. R. Hayward, repair of bridge and sundries,	5 49
N. P. Soule, repairing bridge,	1 20
William E. Tune, 6 $\frac{9}{10}$ days' labor on wash-outs,	10 35
“ “ “ team, 3 days' labor on wash-outs,	4 50
Dan Collins, 4 days 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours' labor on wash-outs,	6 97
Dan Collins, 4 days 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours with team on wash-outs,	6 53
John Collins, 1 day's labor,	1 50
Bradford Leonard's boy, labor,	1 00
Wm. Moore, 9 days 2 hours' labor,	13 80
Hugh Curran, 14 hours' labor,	2 10
“ “ 14 “ “ of team,	2 10
P. F. Packard, 4 days 8 hours' labor,	7 20
“ “ “ 2 “ 4 “ “ of team,	3 60
G. E. Williams, 2 men and team, 1 day 4 hours,	5 80
Edmund Lothrop, 6 hours' labor,	90
“ “ use of ox team 12 hours,	2 05
John Gardner, 2 days 5 hours' labor,	5 00
Joseph G. Newcomb, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ days' “	3 50
B. F. Nye, 2 days' labor,	4 00
W. G. Nye, drawing bridge sleepers,	2 00
Chas. E. Randall, 3 days 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours' labor with team,	11 25
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$265 55

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$265 55
John Randall, 5 hours' labor,	75
H. T. Mitchell, 3 hours' labor with team,	75
Geo. De Witt, 8 days 5 hours' labor with team,	25 50
“ “ “ labor on bridge,	3 25
Jacob Johnson, 3 days 5 hours' labor,	5 25
A. B. Anderson, 1 day 9 hours' labor,	4 75
E. R. Hayward, labor of men 18 days, 2 hours,	27 30
E. R. Hayward, horse team 8 days, 4 hours,	12 60
“ “ ox team 2 days,	3 00
Russell Leonard, 4 days' labor,	6 00
P. O. Leonard, 9 hours' “	1 35
Chas. E. Leonard 4 days 1 hour,	6 15
“ “ 4 “ 6 hours, team,	6 90
John Barber, 1 day 8 hours' labor,	2 70
David Johnson, 1 day 5 hours' labor,	2 25
James Carney, 1 day's labor,	1 50
John Carlson, 2 days 4 hours' labor,	4 80
S. Olsor, 1 day's labor,	2 00
L. R. Wilbur, labor of man,	2 40
L. Jepson, 1 day 5 hours' labor.	2 63
	\$363 12

BLACKSMITHING.

John H. Daily.	\$22 05
A. M. Hayward,	46 49
T. Fitzpatrick,	38 84
S. D. Simpson,	35 70
O. Ames & Sons,	8 19
	\$151 27

GRAVEL BOUGHT.

P. F. Packard,	14 loads,	\$ 70
John N. Baily,	144 "	7 20
Wm. E. Tune,	40 "	2 00
Oliver Ames,	72 "	3 60
J. T. Barden,	19 "	95
Pat Finley,	111 "	5 55
Dan Creden,	175 "	8 75
Dunbar,	63 "	3 15
W. E. Drake,	584 "	29 20
H. Manning,	170 "	8 50
James M. Belcher,	706 "	35 30
Howard French,	37 "	1 85
Ann Orrall,	38 "	2 28
Mike F. Cunningham,	976 "	48 80
D. L. Randall,	352 "	17 60
Gilford White,	8 "	40
G. Newcomb,	285 "	16 62
J. O. Dean,	356 "	17 80
D. Collins,	15 "	75
J. Buck,	7 "	35
Hiram Williams,	62 " stones,	3 72
G. W. Kennedy,	41 loads stone delivered at crusher,	6 56
O. Ames & Sons,	14 loads stone delivered at crusher,	2 24
		\$223 87

HAY.

L. O. Legard,	27,408 lbs. of hay,	\$274 08
G. L. Kimball,	4,025 " "	40 25
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$314 33

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$314 33
J. C. Goward,	4,267 lbs. of hay,	39 46
J. O. Dean,	2,134 " "	21 34
Town Farm,	584 " "	2 92
Lucius Howard,	1,130 " "	5 65
O. B. Dean,	1,180 " "	5 90
		\$389 60

GRAIN.

J. O. Dean & Co., grain, as per bill,	\$320 68
F. Middleton, " " "	18 18
	\$338 86

SUNDRIES ACCOUNTS.

Town Farm, use of wagon,	\$1 50
" " repairing chain,	75
O. Ames & Sons, lumber for bridge,	12 40
" " " sundries from store, as per bill,	1 36
O. Ames & Sons, use of wagon to draw bridge stone,	10 00
Edmund Lothrop, for lanterns, kerosene, and care of lanterns,	4 40
F. Middleton, kerosene, lanterns, and sundries, as per bill,	4 10
E. D. Williams, 1 chain,	4 00
" " bridge stone,	2 00
Sarah E. Rollins, bridge stone,	10 00
Geo. L. Kimball, rubber boots and sundries, as per bill,	8 63
John N. Bailey, repairing harnesses,	35
Alex. Mack, 269 ft. spruce plank,	4 55
Geo. N. Blanchard, kerosene, and care of lanterns,	5 00
W. H. Bosworth, kerosene, and care of lanterns,	5 00
D. S. Drew, Jr., kerosene, and care of lanterns,	1 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$75 04

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$75 04
Z. Snell, stones for bridge,	15 00
Thos. R. Marshall, widening bridge, and stone,	10 00
“ “ building railing,	2 00
“ “ use of derrick,	1 50
E. B. Hayward, for setting grade stakes on Depot St.,	2 00
A. B. Anderson, use of swing drag, 2 days,	1 00
F. C. Wade, sundries, as per bill,	7 50
G. J. Rollins, carting hay,	1 00
“ “ for 9 posts,	1 65
T. B. Keith, stone for bridge,	15 00
J. O. Dean, hemlock plank and posts for bridges,	18 53
Mrs. M. P. Howard, storing road scraper,	1 50
John Cashman, for 1,444 feet of bridge stone,	620 60
F. C. Wade, lanterns and sundries, as per bill,	3 54
Edmund Lothrop, 7 sticks timber,	10 50
“ “ 5 “ “	2 50
“ “ 48 feet boards,	75
“ “ oil, and care of lanterns,	15
Samuel Paul, 4,494 feet spruce plank,	70 89
E. R. Hayward, 15 bridge stringers,	26 25
“ “ 5 “ “	6 25
“ “ 738 feet plank,	13 28
“ “ 20 pounds spikes,	80
G. De Witt, 15 “ “	40
J. M. Randall, for bridge railing,	1 50
N. Godfry, “ “ “	50
Hiram Williams, chestnut timber,	75
Old Colony R. R., freight on 14 cars, covering stones,	143 57
Old Colony R. R., freight on scraper blades,	25
	\$1,054 20

RECAPITULATION.

EXPENDITURES.

For labor by Road Company,	\$5,538 22
" outside Road Company,	363 12
Blacksmithing,	151 27
Gravel bought,	223 87
Hay bought	389 60
Grain bought,	333 86
Sundries,	1,054 20
	\$8,059 14

ROAD RECEIPTS.

Unexpended balance of 1885,	\$86 29
From town appropriation,	3,000 00
Income of Ames bequest for repairs,	4,000 00
Unexpended balance of appropriation made	
in 1885 to widening Washington St.,	30 75
Appropriation to finish Washington St.,	200 00
No. Easton village district, for clearing	
sidewalks to Feb. 7,	21 95
No. Easton Shoe Shop, for use of oxen,	36 00
Town Treasurer, for cleaning roads of	
snow in January and February, 1886,	55 50
E. N. Morse, for repairing bridge,	15 00
John Derth, for 688 ft. of old plank,	4 81
	\$7,450 30
Amount expended over the receipts,	608 84
	\$8,059 14

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN O. DEAN,

THOMAS B. KEITH,

GEORGE J. ROLLINS,

Road Commissioners.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF EASTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

L. S. DRAKE.

E. B. HAYWARD.

WM. L. CHAFFIN.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

WILLIAM C. BATES.

Teachers employed during the year:—

No. 1.	Janet Young.	No. 7.	Mary V. Morse.
" 2.	Mary J. Young.	" 7.	Mary J. Reynolds.
" 3.	Mary A. Birnie.	" 7.	Lizzie E. Morse.
" 3.	Lottie M. Heath.	" 7.	Grace E. Ripley.
" 6.	Myra A. Wade.	" 7.	Ella A. Wade.
" 7.	M. C. Lamprey.	" 7.	Carrie C. Watson.
" 7.	Alice M. Merrill.	" 7.	Julia A. Reardon.
" 7.	Hattie E. Brooks.	" 7.	Jessie Porter.
" 7.	Belle Calef.	" 7.	Nettie L. Withington.
" 7.	Marian E. Fitton.	" 8.	Marian Wilbur.
" 7.	Jessie F. Bird.	" 9.	Miriam G. Dowden.
" 7.	Hattie W. Poor.	" 10.	Jennie E. Shepardson.
" 7.	Edith T. Bates.	Union.	Carrie A. Keith.
" 7.	Mary E. Patterson.	"	Louise F. Williams.

J. E. SHEPARDSON, *Music Teacher.*

MRS. E. T. ANDREWS, *Sewing Teacher No. 7.*

F. G. KEITH, *Teacher in Workshop and Mechanical Drawing.*

A. E. BARSTOW, *Teacher of Kindergarten.*

NETTIE L. WITHINGTON, *Assistant in Kindergarten.*

REPORT.

To the Citizens of Easton:

Your School Committee present the following report for the year 1886:—

STATISTICS.

Number of children in town May 1, 1886, between five and fifteen years of age,	772
This is a loss from the year before, of	6
Number of different scholars of all ages enrolled on the school registers in 1886,	885
Number over fifteen years of age,	65
Number under five years of age,	4
Average amount per scholar, appropriated by the towns of the State for 1885,	\$11 48
Average amount per scholar, appropriated by the towns of the State in 1886.	\$11 44

APPROPRIATION.

The amount necessary for the support of schools for 1887 is \$8,831.68. This amount is made necessary by one of the conditions of the Oliver Ames bequest, which requires the town to appropriate the same amount per scholar as was appropriated by the towns of the State the preceding year. Our number of scholars between the ages of five and fifteen years on May 1, 1886, was 772; and $772 \times \$11.43 = \$8,831.68$ as above.

We recommend \$400 for repairs of schoolhouses, and \$1,000 for text-books.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The proportionate expense of No. 7, as compared with other parts of the town, has been maintained in accordance with the second and third conditions named in the bequest, viz., as much money per scholar from the money raised by taxation for the schools should be appropriated for the scholars at No. 7 as for the scholars in the other schools in town, and three fourths of the income of the bequest should be applied at No. 7.

The amount per scholar appropriated in 1885
 was \$11.48. No. 7 had 432 scholars, and
 the part of the appropriation for No. 7
 was 432 times \$11.48, \$4,959 36

Add three fourths of the income of the bequest, 3,000 00

Total that must be expended in No. 7, \$7,959 36

The expenses of No. 7 were as follows:—

Teachers' salaries in No. 7,	\$6,539 07
Proportion of expense of music and drawing,	351 00
“ of supplies,	310 00
Cost of fuel (estimate same as last year),	378 00
Care of schoolhouse,	447 55

Total expense of No. 7, \$8,025 62

This amount includes the expense of the High School.

By reference to the financial accounts presented in the report of the Superintendent, it will be observed that the surplus of last year has been considerably increased, so that we begin the year 1887 with \$2,742.38 in the school

treasury. This surplus is owing mainly to the reduction for several years past in the number of scholars in No. 7, and the consequent giving up of one school and teacher. It would be lessened, however, by two or three hundred dollars, if all the bills for last year's expenses had been presented and paid.

It is by this time, no doubt, clearly understood that this money cannot be dropped into the town treasury, but must be used for the current school expenses legally included under the term "support of schools," if Easton would retain possession of the valuable school fund bequeathed by Oliver Ames. How shall this money be most wisely used? In answer to this we would suggest the probability, in view of new business developments at North Easton, that the number of scholars, and therefore of schools, may be increased there. But one thing is evident; the time has come when it is possible for us to secure the services of the most competent and successful teachers. The removal of teachers, who have been doing fairly well, is exceedingly unpleasant to us; but, inasmuch as the highest results of school work cannot be secured without the best teachers, it is plainly our duty to employ such teachers now that the means to do so is in our hands. It is also possible for us to adopt the suggestion of the Superintendent in regard to adding another assistant to the High School, and thereby greatly increasing its efficiency.

THE SUPERINTENDENT.

Your Committee desire, in the most emphatic and unqualified terms, to approve the wisdom of the town in voting, at the last town meeting, that a Superintendent of Schools should be appointed. It is too obvious to need state-

ment that trained supervision by an experienced and capable person, who has been himself an able teacher, is an hundred-fold better than to leave the care of the schools to those who have had no practical experience in teaching, and whose time and attention must be principally given to their own affairs. Under the present arrangement, a constant and careful oversight of the inside school work, as well as of other details, has been given, and if we can but retain the services of Mr. Bates we shall, before long, witness the successful completion of systematized courses of study and of other plans, to which he is now giving earnest and intelligent attention. It appears to us very desirable that instead of two days out of five in each week, we may divide the time equally with Canton, so that the Superintendent can give half his time to the Easton schools.

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

We desire to call special attention to the able report of our Superintendent. What he has to say about the qualifications and work of good teachers is admirable, and deserves the most thoughtful consideration on the part of the teachers themselves. The question he presents in regard to the heating of schoolhouses is likewise one of great importance. It is well known that the present system is not a success, and inasmuch as we are bound to exercise a watchful care for the health and comfort of our school children, it is our duty to improve upon that system if we can. Without committing ourselves to any special method, your Committee suggests that this matter shall be the subject of careful deliberation. It ought not to be decided upon until the unbiassed judgment of some competent

expert shall have been obtained, and, above all, care should be taken that ventilation shall not be sacrificed to secure additional heat.

We commend to the diligent perusal of our citizens the Superintendent's report, and we congratulate the town upon the improving condition and prospects of our Easton schools.

L. S. DRAKE.

W. L. CHAFFIN.

E. B. HAYWARD.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF EASTON :

I submit to you my first annual report as Superintendent of Schools for the town of Easton. I thank you for the kindness with which you have received me, and for the help you have given me. To the citizens of Easton for their cordial treatment, and to the teachers of the public schools for their co-operation, my thanks are also due.

TEACHERS.

Easton does not attract school officers from other places who are seeking for teachers, for the reason that it is generally understood that we have funds available for retaining such teachers as are entitled to an increase in salary.

Some changes in our corps of teachers have taken place during the year.

Miss Carrie C. Watson resigned as teacher of the D Primary at North Easton.

Miss Julia A. Reardon, who had been Miss Watson's assistant, was promoted to the place thus made vacant.

Miss Jessie Porter, a graduate of the Training Class, was appointed assistant in the D Primary.

Miss Jessie F. Bird resigned as teacher of the E Grammar. Miss Bird's place was filled by Miss Mary E. Patterson, a graduate of the Bridgewater Normal School.

Miss Mary J. Young resigned at No. 2, and was suc-

ceeded by Miss Mary A. Birnie, from the Quincy Training Class.

A change of teachers always causes a shock. Established relations are broken; new methods come in; the old order is disturbed. It takes time for the new teacher to make good the place of the old teacher. If there is a person anywhere who needs and deserves help that person is the new teacher. She goes among strangers; she enters a community where the manners and traditions are different from the surroundings that have been about her. To her are given thirty or forty boys and girls, all running over with frolic, and she must govern them. She needs, she deserves, she must have, the active co-operation of the homes from which these pupils come, in order that she may do all that the homes expect.

The school is just what the teacher makes it. In the hands of an unskilled teacher, pupils drift away from the good habits that they may have had in former terms, and school life becomes hard and disagreeable. The teacher complains of indifference and a lack of good manners in the children, while the trouble is in the fact that the teacher herself is not strong enough to hold the pupils where they ought to be kept. A teacher who is made of conquering stuff will have a good school anywhere. She rises above the limitations of a small or ungraded school. She first establishes her authority over the little colony she governs, and in so doing shows her pupils that she means to be absolutely just. Next, she wins the good-will, the affection, the hearts of her pupils. She does this by the tones of her voice, by the looks with which she regards them, by the words of assurance and encouragement she gives them. She, an individual, finds

out each individual and has a personal hold on him. She does not treat her school as a mass; she knows that will not work.

She is so familiar with the subjects she is teaching that she can make them interesting. She makes daily preparation for her work, and teaches out of a full understanding. She even knows some things that are not down in the text-book.

She never scolds, for she knows that just as soon as a child sees that he has it in his power to annoy and fret a teacher, then he is the stronger, and the teacher's control is gone. My good teacher often reads to her pupils; and they have seen her eyes fill with tears and her voice has been heard to tremble with emotion at some tender and beautiful passage, so they know that she has in her heart all those qualities that are expressed by the word "sympathy."

She is an enthusiast; and the fire of devotion to her work that flashes in her eye and makes her face bright and winsome, kindles the fires of an enthusiasm like hers in the minds of the young who from day to day look up to her.

She knows that the faces of the children and the quality of their work reflect the character of the teacher; that wherever the children are inattentive and silly, the teacher is weak; that wherever the faces of the pupils are dull and expressionless, they have been made so by a lack of life and love in the mind of the one who has been leading them; that wherever the faces are sour and surly, they have been made so by contact with that which is harsh and cold.

She knows that wherever there are smiles, pleasant tones,

good-will, earnestness and kindness, in the words and works and ways of the pupils, these too are the reflection of the character of the teacher.

Yes, the good teacher knows these things and she works in the light and with the help of this knowledge.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

Teachers' meetings are held on the last Friday afternoon of each month.

The time so taken from the work of the school-room is well spent.

The teachers, who in different parts of the town are attempting to do a similar work, are given an opportunity to meet and compare methods and results.

Even if the formal talk of the meeting should prove but little help, still this mingling of the teachers, this asking, "What are you doing, and how are you doing it?" tends to unify the work of the whole town.

At each of these meetings some department of school work is discussed by the Superintendent or by some teacher of experience.

The teachers all make careful notes of the points presented, and at each meeting a record of the preceding meeting is read.

The teachers of Easton have taken a hearty interest in these meetings, and, by improved work in the school-room, have shown that they have given heed to the suggestions that have been made and the advice that has been offered.

TRAINING CLASS.

In September, Miss Morse's training class was made up of the following named young ladies, all graduates of the Easton High School: Josie F. Barton, Emma Fecto, Frances Higginbottom, and Myrtie A. Mitchell. Others desired to join the class, but, as four trainers are as many as can be used to advantage in the schools at North Easton, it was thought best to limit the class to that number.

In January a second class was formed, and this class is now receiving a similar training. Its members are Edith M. Keith and Myrtie A. Leonard, graduates of the Easton High School, and Nella M. Fobes, a graduate of the Brockton High School. The trainers received a thorough drill in methods of primary instruction; they have practice in teaching in each of the primary grades; they are required to spend considerable time in practice in writing; they have constantly before them examples of good teaching.

The care of the training classes, in addition to her duties as principal of the primary schools, makes Miss Morse's position by no means an easy one. Acknowledgment is here made of the value and ability of her services.

ATTENDANCE.

Where the sentiment of the community is such that a prompt and regular attendance at school is considered to be the business of the children,—a business no more to be interfered with by little matters of convenience and comfort than is the daily employment of the father, a business that the parents are bound to see faithfully performed,—

there you will see a school in which the teacher can work with some courage, because she knows that the homes are right behind her and are backing her up. A school in which the attendance is irregular is one in which there is comfort for nobody. The parents complain that the children do not get ahead in their studies. The complaint is a just one, whether it comes from the parents who do or from those who do not send their children regularly to school. The pupils who are not in school are not in a position to make any progress in their studies, and, on their return to the class, they are a drag to the children whose attendance has been constant. It is too often the fact that habitual irregularity of attendance at school is the result of indifference on the part of parents, rather than inability on the part of the pupils.

A reform in this line is needed in Easton, particularly in the district schools.

Easton can have some of the best mixed schools in Massachusetts. Such schools she will have as soon as we secure a constant attendance of all the children. Then we shall have an onward march with glowing courage, instead of the present halting, dragging movement that poor attendance causes.

In the report of the State Board of Education for 1884 and 1885, I find the following vigorous treatment of this matter by Secretary Dickinson:—

"Let every town in this Commonwealth offer to every one of its children the means of acquiring a good education, and then let the people unite with the school authorities in directing every child of school age to the most earnest use of the means, remembering that ignorance is barbarism itself.

"Every good citizen should be alarmed whenever he finds a youth in his community growing up in ignorance. No child should be absent from his class in school except for good reasons. Good reasons are limited to those providential interferences over which parents and guardians have no control. If the child is in need of better clothes, and his parents are unable to furnish them, let them be provided at the public expense. If the parents are in want, let the want be relieved at the public expense, if necessary; and not by child labor, performed at the expense of his public school instruction. No thoughtful parent will plan his affairs in the house, in the shop, or on the farm, so as to require his child to break up into fragments the short term of his school life. If the parent is not thoughtful, the school authorities and the community in which he lives should be thoughtful for him. If parents are too poor to send their children to school they must receive aid from the community or the town. If they refuse or neglect to send them, they must be compelled by the application of the benevolent provisions of the statutes of the Commonwealth.

"The child must not be deprived of the objects of his natural rights. The parent is the natural guardian of these rights, but if he does not recognize the obligations arising from his parental relations, the State must interfere and offer its protection as a substitute."

In his report just published, Mr. Dickinson says: "Regularity of attendance is so important for the individual and for the success of the school as to *justify the most persistent efforts to secure it.*" But while attendance that is forced is better than no attendance at all, it is not the kind we want.

The school ought to be so kind in its spirit, and so attractive in its methods, that the children will feel that there is their proper place, and that they must make every effort to be in it.

If the school is a pleasant place ; if there is a welcome for each child when he comes ; if each child is made to feel that his individual presence is essential to the success of every session ; if the government of the school is so strong and kind that the pupils willingly submit themselves to the teacher's just and gentle sway ; if the teacher "makes it interesting,"—there is little trouble about attendance. A good school will, as a rule, have a good attendance ; and this brings us again to the fact that from the good teacher comes the spirit that makes the community appreciate the good school.

The lists at the end of this report contain the names of those pupils whose attendance has been so constant as to merit a special mention.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

The Easton High School deserves the confidence of the people of the town and merits the generous attendance that it receives. There is an air of business, of honest endeavor, of independence and individuality about the pupils, that shows that while the school helps in the development of the mind, it also works in building up character. The work of the school, however, is too much on the literary side and not enough on the scientific.

This is caused by a course of study that is too limited.

A room should be fitted up as a chemical and physical laboratory, and another teacher should be employed, so

that this line of work may receive the attention that it has in other places, and that its importance demands.

A room so fitted, provided and directed, that each pupil could himself perform the experiments in chemistry and philosophy, would add a most valuable department to our High School work.

Pupils are especially interested in kind of work that requires them to do something with their hands as well as with their heads. There seems to be no good reason why this department should not be a strong one in the Easton High School.

There is already a considerable supply of physical apparatus, and Mr. Lamprey is a strong teacher in this line of work. Instruction in chemistry and philosophy requires not a little of a teacher's time in preparing and arranging the experiments, as well as in the actual work with the class. Another teacher should therefore be added, in order that this work may not crowd.

When this department has been secured, the High School will stand on a broader basis.

At the graduation in June, diplomas were awarded to

JOSIE F. BARTON.

CHARLES J. FINLEY.

KATIE H. BLAKE.

MYRTIE A. MITCHELL.

LENA B. CALEF.

WILBERT E. WHITTEN.

The order of exercises was as follows:—

PROGRAMME.

PIANO SOLO *G. Merkel*

LENA B. CALEF.

MUSIC. "The Meeting."

ESSAY WITH SALUTATORY. "The Earnest Worker wins the Prize."

MYRTIE A. MITCHELL.

ORATION. "Napoleon Bonaparte."

CHARLES J. FINLEY.

SOLO. "Lullaby" *Effie I. Canning*

JOSIE F. BARTON.

RECITATION. "The Last Banquet" *Edward Renaud*

KATIE H. BLAKE.

MUSIC. "The Distant Land."

DECLAMATION. "The Oldest Inhabitant, — the Weather."

Mark Twain

WILBERT E. WHITTEN.

SOLO. "The Tempest" *James T. Fields*

MYRTIE A. MITCHELL.

CLASS REVELATIONS.

LENA B. CALEF.

OBLIGATO DUET. "Waves of Ocean."

ESSAY WITH VALEDICTORY. "Be a Hero in the Strife."

JOSIE F. BARTON.

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS.

By Rev. WILLIAM L. CHAFFIN, of the School Committee.

PARTING SONG.

An effort is being made to secure greater uniformity in the preparation of the members of the class that will enter next year. The highest classes in the various schools that feed into the High School are all working along the same lines; and the teachers confer and report progress at the monthly meetings.

UNGRADED SCHOOLS.

A mixed school, of from twenty-five to thirty-five pupils, furnishes a live teacher with every opportunity for doing a large and lasting work. If she continues in the school a number of years, she has the satisfaction of seeing the gradual unfolding and the steady development of the powers of the young who are in her charge and under her instruction. She comes to know her pupils thoroughly. In this she has a great advantage over the teacher of a graded school. A teacher, who has a new class each year, finds that just when she has really become acquainted with her pupils, and those bonds of sympathy, without which good work is impossible, have been established, the pupils move on, and another class comes in to be put through the same unsatisfactory process. The earnest teacher in an ungraded school finds no time to waste. The older pupils must have a large share of the time for their class exercises, and the little ones must be kept busy. A programme that gives each pupil a daily recitation in each subject, and at the same time is so arranged that there are proper periods of study for all, and provides agreeable changes in the busy work of the little ones who cannot study much, presents difficulties of combination and arrangement in comparison with which the intricacies of the "fifteen puzzle" sink out of sight.

In these schools the teaching is not all on a single level. The teacher adapts herself to the little ones at the block table; she directs the class in addition of fractions; she teaches division of decimals; she has a class in percentage; and all the children hear it all.

The result of this is that while a teacher in an ungraded school is imparting instruction to the class before her, she is at the same time helping many others in the room. While she is teaching decimals, some boy in the percentage class is reviewing them with her, and some girl in the class in common fractions is getting some idea of a subject that she soon will study.

From this it follows that when pupils in these schools come to a new subject, it does not stand before them like a blank wall that they cannot scale, but more like a gentle incline up which they have seen others mount.

The superintendent of schools of one of our New England cities remarked to the writer of this report that when the last examination for the High School was given in that city a considerable number of applicants from the central graded schools failed to pass, while every pupil who came to the examination from the district schools was found to be qualified for admission. Such a result shows us the possibilities of our ungraded schools. Let us in Easton, where so much of our work is in schools of this kind, be of good courage.

The purpose of this section is not to show that the ungraded school is a better field than the graded room, but to call attention to the grand work that lies before every teacher in a district school.

MEANS OF HEATING.

Our present means of heating the one-room buildings are insufficient. The fires go out during the night, and, on cold mornings, it is often well into the forenoon before the rooms are warm enough for the work of the schools to be conducted with comfort. The heat is not constant, and the temperature of the rooms varies from cool to warm and from warm to cool all through the session. It is my opinion that larger stoves should be substituted for those now in the schools, and that coal should be the fuel used. The comfort and health of the pupils demand that this change be made.

It is time for the old-fashioned wood-burning box stoves to be banished. They are disappearing from the school-rooms of Eastern Massachusetts. Let us not be the last to bid them farewell.

In the large building at North Easton there are school-rooms on three floors, and all these rooms are heated by furnaces in the basement. These furnaces consume a large amount of coal, and there is also great difficulty in carrying furnace heat long distances, and to two or more floors from the same furnace. If the proposed change to steam heating should be made, such a system should be adopted as will enable a supply of fresh air to be constantly introduced into the rooms.

SURROUNDINGS.

There is, in the nature of things, no reason why the grounds about a school building should be the worst kept in the neighborhood. Children are not necessarily destruc-

tive. With proper direction, they take pride in making local improvements. They like to fix things up.

The school building and its surroundings should be such that the children will take pride in them. Instead of being a barren and unsightly spot, every school yard in town might easily be made an attractive little park, the children's flower garden. Where work of this kind has been done, the children have had great interest in the planting and care of their school gardens, and the sentiment of the whole community has protected their work.

In the town of Weymouth one gets a favorable impression of the schools before he steps into the school buildings, for these buildings are surrounded by well-kept yards, beautified in season by plants and flowers.

From the last report of Superintendent Fisher, of Weymouth, I take the following interesting account of the work that has been done there:—

"Over two hundred dollars was expended last summer for flowers, trees, lawn borders, 'rockeries' and the like; of this amount about one hundred dollars was raised by the pupils, and fifty dollars given by the Village Improvement Association of South Weymouth.

"The rest was obtained from other improvement associations of the town, or taken from my lecture fund. Then there were individual gifts of flowers, which, if purchased outright, would have raised the amount to three hundred dollars. I am proud to say that not a pupil in the public schools, so far as I know, did any damage to this property. Not a flower was plucked nor a twig bent, so far as I know, without permission from the teachers. This is important testimony; it goes to show that it is always safe and wise to treat pupils about right.

"Surround them with the beautiful, and they will grow up with improved tastes and a disposition to respect the property and rights of others.

"Schoolhouses and school grounds should be up to the level of the average home. The moment you let them fall below that level you practically say to the pupils, 'The work you are engaged in is not of much consequence, and you are not entitled to much consideration at our hands.' That moment the lowering influence upon the lives of the pupils begins.

"Now, I would not ask you to spend any of the town's money for mere flower-beds, and you would not probably think of doing so, although public money is often expended in worse ways, but there are certain improvements that ought to be effected at once. It seems a pity to erect such fine school buildings and then stop short suddenly, when a few hundred dollars more would set them off to advantage. With twenty school yards in town, we have an opportunity to create as many attractive little parks that would enhance the value of property throughout the town, and contribute not a little to raise it in the public estimation."

Such improvements in Easton school yards would be in harmony with the spirit that has done, and is doing, so much to improve and adorn our town. The effect of the fine school building at North Easton is spoiled by the unsightly grounds that surround it. I agree with Superintendent Fisher when he says that no part of the regular school appropriation should be spent for the purpose advocated in this article, but I am convinced that an improvement in this direction would be appreciated by the citizens of each school district, and would be a lasting benefit to the rising generation.

LANGUAGE AND GRAMMAR.

More attention has been given to language work during the past year. By language work is meant practice in the correct use of language, so that good habits and correct forms of expression may be the result.

It is a fact that the study of grammar does not lead one into a habit of correct writing and speaking, any more than that much reading makes a person correct in spelling. One often finds that a man who is a constant reader fails sadly when he comes to spell. He knows the words at sight, but they have not made such an impression on his mind that he has their forms when he wants to use them. So it is in the use of language; many a pupil can parse, parse, parse, and yet in the very act of parsing the pupil will use expressions that show a deplorable lack of a working knowledge of our language. The study of grammar in the last two years of the grammar course and in the High School is a most valuable exercise; it cultivates powers of reflection and discrimination that no other subject excites, and it will always have its place there. But there is a kind of work that comes before the study of grammar; that should begin when the child begins his school days, and should not end during his whole course, a drill in the use of the English language.

It must be a part of every lesson.

With the little ones it consists in the cultivation of correct oral expression; dictation work follows; then comes written reproduction; then original composition.

When Mr. Martin made his examination of the schools of Plymouth County, he directed all the children who were using a fourth or fifth reader to write the following, as he

slowly dictated it: "Many people buy their meat, I think, at Mr. Brown's grocery. Can they buy potatoes there?"

The results obtained in Plymouth County were very unsatisfactory. The same test was applied to the upper classes in the Easton schools, and many errors were found in the papers written by pupils who are supposed to be nearly ready for the High School.

We hope, by a more thorough drill of this kind all through the course, to make the pupils of our schools more correct in both oral and written expression, and so, from the possession of considerable facility in the use of words, more able to appreciate the fine points of our language when they come to a technical study of it.

ADVANTAGES.

In few communities do the children of the public schools have so many advantages afforded them.

A juvenile magazine is furnished for the children of every family in town. The magazines for the pupils of North Easton continue to be furnished from the income of the Oakes Ames fund, and Governor Ames generously pays for all that are sent to the other districts.

The Kindergarten, which ought to have a larger attendance; the workshop where one hundred boys have a lesson each week in the use of wood-working tools; the Saturday class in industrial drawing attended by about twenty boys; the sewing classes where one hundred and sixty girls are taught plain sewing; the weekly lectures on Monday evenings during the winter months,—all these are exceptional advantages and "ought to make Easton, and particularly North Easton village, in some respects, a children's paradise."

WILLIAM C. BATES,

Superintendent of Schools.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriations for 1886,	\$8,931 34
Income of Oliver Ames bequest,	4,000 00
Amount of dog tax,	574 49
Income of State school fund	52 24
Tuition of out-of-town scholars,	60 00
Balance from 1885,	923 58
Amount available for 1886,	\$14,541 65

EXPENDITURES.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

M. C. Lamprey,	\$1,500 00
Alice M. Merrill,	650 00
Hattie E. Brooks,	485 60
Belle Calef,	429 00
Marian E. Fitton,	390 00
Jessie F. Bird,	240 00
Mary J. Reynolds,	390 00
Lizzie E. Morse,	650 00
Ella A. Wade,	390 00
Grace E. Ripley,	312 00
Carrie C. Watson,	292 32
Julia A. Reardon,	342 00
Nettie L. Withington,	84 00
Jessie Porter,	189 00
Hattie W. Poor,	25 64
Edith T. Bates,	51 28
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$6,420 84

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$6,420 84
Mary E. Patterson,	103 85
Mary V. Morse,	15 38
Janet Young,	390 00
Mary J. Young,	216 00
Mary A. Birnie,	135 00
Lottie M. Heath,	370 00
Carrie A. Keith,	448 00
Louise F. Williams,	390 00
Myra A. Wade,	323 00
Marian Wilbur,	390 00
Miriam G. Dowden,	327 00
Jennie E. Shepardson,	339 00
J. E. Shepardson,	585 00
Total,	\$10,453 07

FUEL.

Charles W. Smith, wood,	\$77 00
A. A. Gooch, wood, and cutting wood,	5 50
Hiram Keith, wood,	4 00
D. B. Williams, wood,	1 25
E. T. Goward, wood,	5 50
J. Stephen Wood, coal,	62 50
	\$155 75

The reason why this account is less than usual is because some of the bills for fuel were not presented in time to be embodied in this report.

CARE AND CLEANING.

House No. 1,	\$39 50
“ “ 2,	19 50
“ “ 3,	19 50
“ “ 6,	17 00
“ “ 7,	447 55
“ “ 8,	30 90
“ “ 9,	23 50
“ “ 10,	16 00
Union,	60 00
	\$673 45

SUPPLIES AND SUNDRIES.

Geo. S. Perry, paper, chalk, ink, sponges, pencils, slates, etc.,	\$226 72
Prang Ed. Co., drawing material,	16 68
Boston School Supply Co., slates, paper, dust- ers, etc.,	45 93
A. Mack & Co., work on windows,	7 50
Weeks & Potter, sponges,	4 50
Cook's Express, express and carting,	12 62
Ames Free Library, covering paper,	3 85
Hooper, Lewis & Co., mucilage,	1 00
William C. Bates, cash paid for various sup- plies,	26 05
A. C. Chandler, rent of piano and repairing organs,	34 10
J. L. Hammett, liquid slating and supplies,	24 61
Jordan, Marsh & Co., dusters,	4 80
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$408 36

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$408 36
N. L. Chamberlain, rubber stamp,	6 50
Canton Journal, printing,	6 66
Frank Wood, “	6 00
Thompson, Brown & Co., paper,	1 75
Howe's Express, express,	7 60
Carter, Carter & Kilham, boxes,	3 16
Hattie E. Brooks, supplies and printing,	2 63
H. Y. Mitchell, brooms, etc.	1 75
E. B. Hayward, various supplies,	12 91
O. Ames & Sons, “ “	57 13
E. P. Spooner, sundries,	2 55
	\$517 00

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts from all sources,	\$14,541 65
Teachers' salaries,	\$10,453 07
Fuel,	155 75
Care and cleaning,	673 45
Supplies and sundries,	517 00
	11,799 27
Unexpended balance,	\$2,742 38

REPAIRS ACCOUNT.

F. G. Keith, repairs at No. 7,	\$29 61
Holmes & Kelley, work on ventilator,	75 58
DeWitt Bros., general repairs,	170 36
J. D. Atwood, “ “	243 87
Fisk & Coleman, lime, sand, etc.,	18 95
Wadsworth, Howland & Co., paint, oil, etc.,	70 50
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$608 87

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Samuel Paul, lumber,	19 95
John Baldwin, painting, No. 7,	227 98
A. S. Jones, painting, No. 3,	21 00
Whittemore & Couch, blackboard material,	33 00
Wm. W. Hayward, painting and labor, No. 3,	12 00
Charles H. Dailey, repairing fence, No. 3,	19 45
E. R. Hayward, lumber and posts, No. 3,	6 70
E. E. Kelley, repairs,	69 10
W. A. Keith, painting,	6 50
J. & A. Kohler & Co., repairs,	28 00
Geo. H. DeWitt, general repairs,	33 91
E. Howard Watch and Clock Co., cleaning clocks,	13 85
	\$1,100 31

SUMMARY OF REPAIRS ACCOUNT.

Amount expended in 1886,	\$1,100 31
Exceeded appropriation in 1885,	192 55
	\$1,292 86
Appropriation in March, 1886,	1,000 00
Excess of expenditure,	\$292 86

TEXT-BOOK ACCOUNT.

Harris, Rogers & Co., books,	\$2 40
Prang Ed. Co., drawing-books,	54 40
Cowperthwait & Co., books,	23 04
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., books,	38 50
Knight, Adams & Co., books and blanks,	21 25
Lee & Shepard, books,	48 89
Charles H. Whiting, books,	119 29
Ginn & Co., books,	27 21
William Ware & Co., books and charts,	35 89
Warren P. Adams, books,	36 91
Boston School Supply Co., books and charts,	43 34
Harper & Bros., books,	41 10
Harrison Hume, books,	26 67
Carl Schoenhof, books,	6 50
Leach, Shewel & Sanborn, number lessons,	18 00
Willard Small, books,	5 50
M. T. Rogers, blanks,	3 00
Thompson, Brown & Co., books and blanks,	32 34
Adams & Ingraham, books,	15 75
Clark & Maynard, books,	15 50
D. C. Heath & Co., books,	10 83
D. Appleton & Co., books,	54 56
J. L. Hammett, books, charts, covers,	41 14
F. M. Ambrose, books,	26 00
H. H. Carter & Karrick, paper,	10 95
Estes & Lauriat, books,	5 40
Interstate Publishing Co., books,	24 17
Higgins, Snow & Co., paper,	5 10
	\$793 63

SUMMARY OF TEXT-BOOK ACCOUNT.

Appropriation for 1886,		\$1,000 00
Expended for text-books, 1886,	\$793 63	
Overdrawn in 1885,	134 24	
		927 87
Unexpended balance,		\$72 13
Value of text-books on hand, Jan. 1, 1887,		\$250 00

OAKES AMES BEQUEST.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from report 1885,	\$3,226 38
Received from dividends,	3,500 00
Received from trustees, balance of interest,	122 71
	\$6,849 09

EXPENDITURES.

22 lectures,	\$957 50
Rent of hall for lectures,	165 00
Teachers' salaries (including sewing),	264 80
F. G. Keith, teacher industrial school,	360 66
Lumber and supplies, do. do.	163 59
O. Ames & Sons Co. supplies do. do.	87 37
Labor enlarging room for do. do.	20 02
Teachers' Kindergarten school,	654 37
Supplies, do. do.	120 73
Labor, do. do.	23 91
Chairs, do. do.	12 50
Use of piano, do. do.	15 00
Willard Small, books,	12 00
Lockwood, Brooks & Co., books,	25 60
W. I. Chase, School Herald,	18 00
Whittemore & Couch, blackboards,	66 00
J. D. Atwood, labor on blackboards,	113 20
H. Hume, books,	20 83
Children's excursion to Plymouth,	35 45

Amount carried forward, \$3,136 53

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$3,136 53	
Children's excursion to Nantasket,	18 40	
G. E. Keith, mason work,	3 50	
Fiske & Colman, cementing cellar,	24 00	
Express Co.,	12 40	
Prang Educational Co., school supplies,	2 98	
Russell Publishing Co., magazines,	117 00	
Century Co., magazines,	415 00	
D. Lothrop & Co., magazines,	35 66	
H. R. Clark, supplies,	15 00	
A. J. Wilkinson, door check,	6 75	
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., supplies,	6 00	
J. L. Hammett, dumb-bells,	8 64	
Perry Mason & Co., magazines,	51 25	
		3,853 11
Cash on hand,		\$2,995 98

GIFT OF MAGAZINES FROM OLIVER AMES TO
SCHOLARS OUTSIDE OF DISTRICT NO. 7.

The Century Company for <i>St. Nicholas</i> ,	\$180 00	
Russell Publishing Company, <i>Our Little Ones</i> ,	27 00	
Perry Mason & Co., <i>Youth's Companion</i> ,	18 25	
D. Lothrop & Co., <i>Wide Awake</i> ,	2 00	
		\$227 25

STATISTICAL TABLE

		Children between 8 and 15 years of age, May 1, 1886.	Whole Number of Pupils each Term.	Average Member- ship.	Average Attend- ance.	Per cent of At- tendance.	Over 15.	Under 5.
High School.	Winter . .		73	67.8	59.0	87	49	
	Spring . .		69	65.1	56.3	92	49	
	Fall . . .		75	70.4	62.8	89	46	
No. 1.	Winter . .		40	37.6	33.0	88		
	Spring . .	58	47	39.7	34.5	87		
	Fall . . .		49	42.5	36.5	86		
No. 2.	Winter . .		34	28.4	21.9	77	2	
	Spring . .	41	37	34.3	27.9	81		
	Fall . . .		44	38.9	33.2	85	1	
No. 3.	Winter . .		27	26.3	21.1	80	1	
	Spring . .	26	27	25.2	22.3	88	1	
	Fall . . .		24	22.0	19.7	90		
Union Gram.	Winter . .		34	32.0	26.4	83	5	
	Spring . .	95	27	21.3	18.4	86	3	
	Fall . . .		29	26.0	22.9	88	2	
Union Prim.	Winter . .		44	37.8	30.6	81		
	Spring . .		45	41.1	36.2	88		
	Fall . . .		46	42.6	37.6	88		1
No. 6.	Winter . .		15	14.2	12.0	85	1	
	Spring . .	18	16	14.5	11.4	78		2
	Fall . . .		18	17.6	15.5	88		2
No. 7.	Winter . .		380	358.9	317.6	88	4	
	Spring . .	432	404	361.2	320.6	89	4	
	Fall . . .		402	377.6	332.1	88	6	
No. 8.	Winter . .		32	25.7	25.3	98	1	
	Spring . .	42	34	32.3	27.7	86	1	
	Fall . . .		30	26.8	24.0	89	2	
No. 9.	Winter . .		23	21.1	17.7	84	1	
	Spring . .	32	22	19.9	17.0	85		
	Fall . . .		24	23.0	21.6	93		1
No. 10.	Winter . .		28	22.7	17.1	75		
	Spring . .	28	22	19.7	16.3	82		
	Fall . . .		22	19.5	16.0	82		
Totals		772	885	683.2	597.0	87	65	6

TABLE FOR No. 7.

		Children between 8 and 15 years of age, May 1, 1886.	Whole number of pupils each term.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Attendance.	Over 15.
Miss Watson.	Winter term.		53	48.6	43.5	89	
	Spring "		69	50.2	44.2	88	
Miss Riordan.	Fall "		62	53.3	46.4	87	
Miss Wade.	Winter "		56	55.0	48.9	89	
	Spring "		66	61.7	52.4	85	
	Fall "		49	45.2	42.1	93	
Miss Morse.	Winter "		64	60.3	54.9	91	
	Spring "		65	60.7	54.5	90	
	Fall "		65	61.0	55.0	90	
Miss Reynolds.	Winter "		41	39.3	36.1	92	
	Spring "	432	50	47.3	42.5	90	
	Fall "		49	47.7	43.2	90	
Miss Bird.	Winter "		49	47.5	41.2	87	
	Spring "		46	44.4	38.7	87	
Miss Patterson.	Fall "		50	48.9	42.7	87	
Miss Fitton.	Winter "		40	37.3	31.6	85	2
	Spring "		40	37.5	32.2	86	1
	Fall "		45	42.7	35.1	82	2
Miss Calef.	Winter "		31	29.5	25.7	87	
	Spring "		27	25.2	21.3	85	
	Fall "		36	33.7	28.1	83	1
Miss Brooks.	Winter "		45	41.4	35.7	86	2
	Spring "		41	37.8	34.8	92	3
	Fall "		46	45.1	39.5	88	4
		432	409	365.7	323.5	88	7

SCHOLARS NEITHER ABSENT, TARDY, NOR DISMISSED.

Those with an asterik (*) three terms; those with a dagger (†) two terms; the rest, one term.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Gertrude A. Smith.*	Lorenzo D. Smith.†
Walter Billings.	George H. Copeland.
Ethel Copeland.	Ralph Mitchell.
	David Collins.

NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

Sadie James.	Lizzie Hewitt.
Ralph Mitchell.	Lorenzo Smith.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Lucy Crowell.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Maude L. Hayward.

NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

Christina Birnie.	Alice M. Howard.
Grace S. Dailey.	Cora M. Howard.
	Hattie B. Heath.

UNION DISTRICT.

Frank O. Miles.†	Edna H. Shields.†
Carlton F. Britton.†	Fred. E. Packard.†
Mabel M. Dearth.†	Ida C. Willis.
John A. Phelan.	George Hamilton.
John W. Belcher.	Arthur E. Willis.

NETHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

Ida C. Willis.†	Carlton F. Britton.
Samuel R. Irvin.	Gertie Schermerhorn.
Gertrude C. Belcher.	

DISTRICT NO. 6.

James M. Buck.

NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

Annie C. McDermott.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Johnnie Cox.*	Grace Packard.*
Ella Packard.*	George W. Franklin.*
Hilden Hanson.†	Abbie Riordan.†
Eddie Carr.†	James Cotter.†
Mamie Lynch.†	Maggie McNamara.†
Willie Galvin.	Frank Molander.
Maggie Spillaine.	Annie McNamara.
Lizzie Sweeney.	Mary Ahearn.
Annie Cotter.	John Cunningham.
Jerry Daley.	Jerry Lordan.
Timmie Riordan.	Johnnie Murphy.
Harold Hanlon.	Patrick O'Connors.
Lizzie Fitzgerald.	Lena Murphy.
Milton Wood.	Katie Quill.
Rollin Mack.	Michael Riordan.
Lillie Downey.	John Barrett.
Frank Dows.	Charlie Shaw.
Maggie Mahoney.	Nellie M. Daley.
Mamie O'Connell.	Lillie Murphy.

Katie Malloy.	John Kelly.
Katie Walsh.	Julia Walsh.
Joseph W. Dows.	Sadie Randall.
Foster Dows.	Kitty Ames.
Willie H. Donovan.	

NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

John Barrett.†	Henry Wood.
Edith Fecto.	John Daily.
Henry Thompson.	John Murphy.
Julia Walsh.	Arthur Tilden.
Willie H. Donovan.	Eddie Staples.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Jennie M. Taylor.*	Merton E. Taylor.*
Ella L. Dickerman.†	Earle P. Marshall.†
Ella S. Watts.	Grace S. Marshall.
Leola F. Brooks.	Harry A. Smith.
Aubrey S. Fobes.	Gerald L. B. Webster.
Gertrude L. Wells.	Abbie A. Seyser.
Gertrude A. Canegaly.	Leigh S. Keith.

No dismissals recorded.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Clifton C. Ripley.†	Bertie C. Wade.
Robert M. Chapin.	Lily Clark.
Herbert Hewitt.	

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Mabel Madan.

